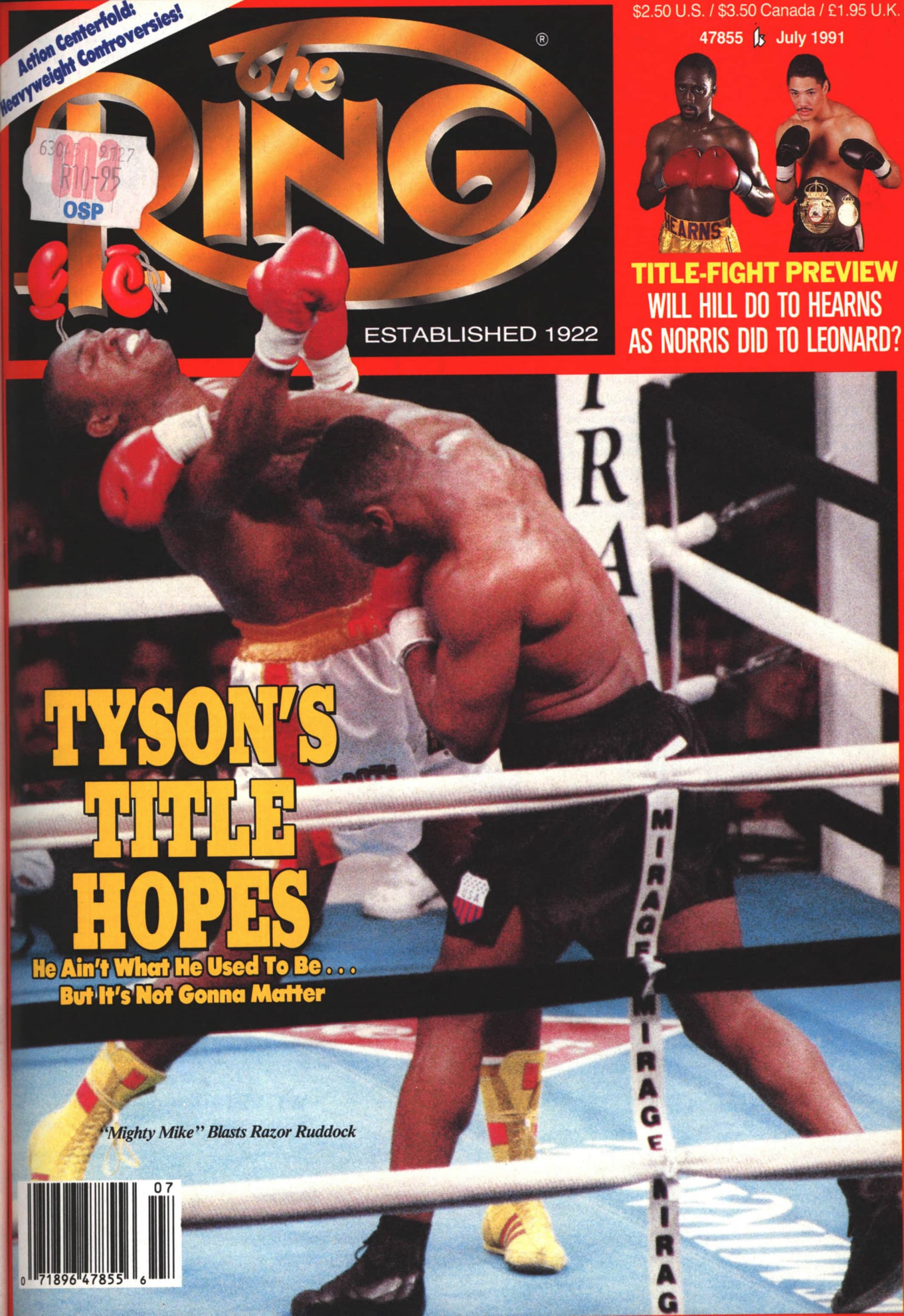
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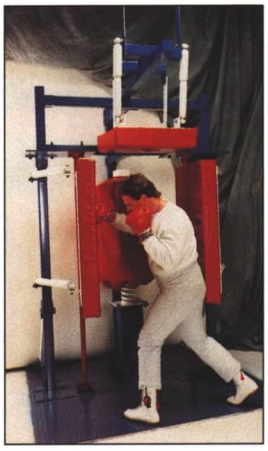

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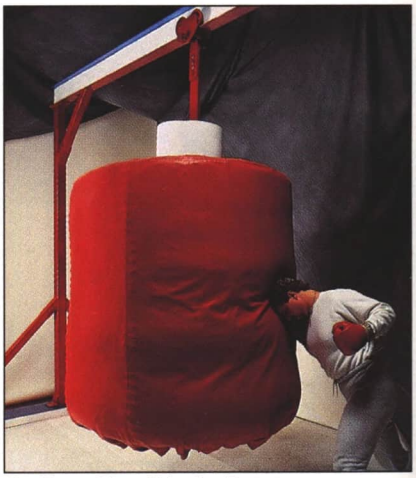

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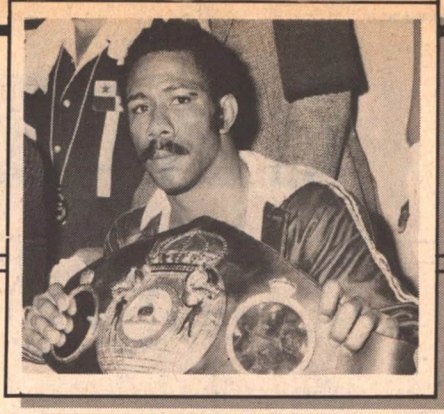

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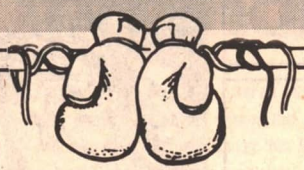
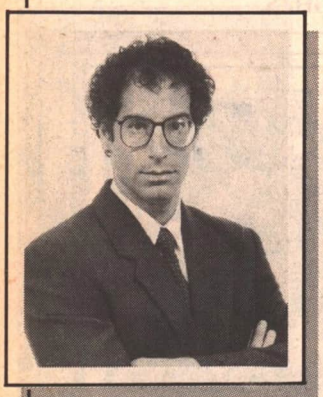


Let's see if I've got this straight: Greg Haugen smokes some pot, lands about seven clean punches over 12 rounds, and outpoints Hector Camacho. (What a story for *High Times:* "Cursed By The Munchies, Fighter Still Manages To Make Weight.") Then he goes home and practices his penmanship so he can sign for the rematch, for which he'll pocket $1.2-million.

And this: Razor Ruddock swings and mostly misses against Mike Tyson, loses every round but one, and becomes the victim of a controversial stoppage after being driven to the ropes by a nasty combination. Ruddock's camp screams robbery, and the Razor sits back and waits for the rematch, for which he'll likely again earn seven figures.



I've been going about my job all wrong. But after hearing of the fates of Haugen and Ruddock, I've learned my lesson. Next month, I'm planning to put a black-and-white snapshot of a sub-novice Golden Glover on the cover of *The Ring*. You can also look forward to an in-depth story on the history of headgear. (*The Ring* scoops *60 Minutes* again!) The centerfold? Action photos featuring the four-rounder of the month from Indonesia. And all typographical errors will remain. Call it the natural look.

If you haven't already figured it out, yes, I'm bucking for a raise.

Back to reality—if I must. Haugen lucked out by dodging a suspension. But it was Camacho who hit the jackpot. Instead of having to work his way back to big-fight status, he'll reportedly make $500,000 in the rematch. Doesn't anyone care that Haugen-Camacho was a boring fight? Doesn't anyone care that Camacho almost never engages in any other kind?

Ruddock was a 4-1 underdog against Tyson. He enjoyed a successful sixth round, but never threatened to win. Sure, Richard Steele made a bad call. In a rematch, however, the odds won't be any lower, and Ruddock won't fight any better. Seems to me that a rerun does nothing but postpone the only fight the public wants to see, which is a Tyson title shot. The heavyweights are hot, and Tyson-Ruddock II will only slow the momentum.

Meanwhile, the joke, it seems, is on Roberto Duran. The 457-year-old former champion took home $250,000 for making Pat Lawlor look like a fighter. (You think Lawlor's grandchildren are going to believe him when he tells them he beat both Duran and Wilfred Benitez?) Duran quit after aggravating an arm injury in the sixth round. Given the rewards to be enjoyed by Haugen and Ruddock, the surrender, if marketed properly, would have been a brilliant move. But instead of securing a million-dollar rematch, Duran blew the $1-million he figured to make in a title challenge of middleweight champion Julian Jackson.

No Mas II should have been a major story, and Duran could have been back in the big dough.

If they had only offered him a postfight TV interview . . .

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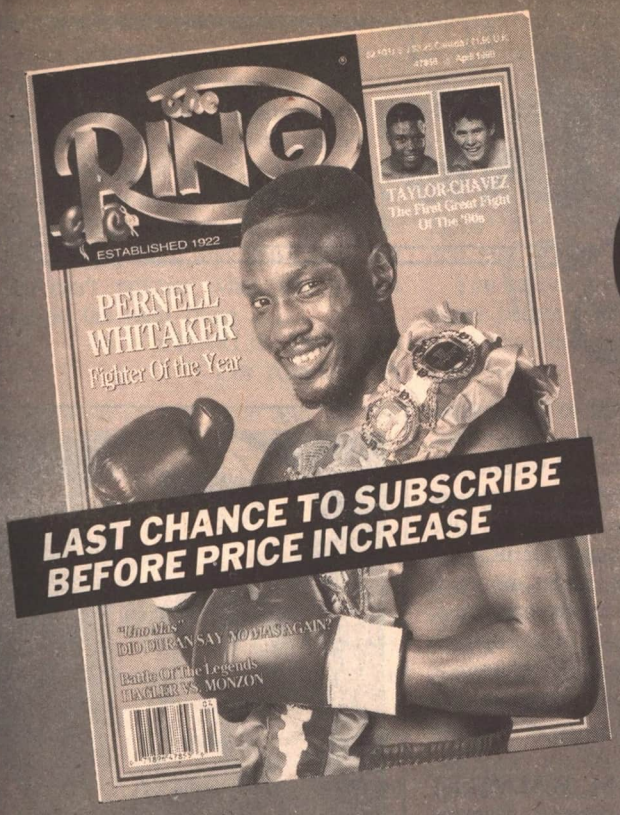

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EUBANK ROBBERY

I was absolutely outraged after watching middleweight Chris Eubank defeat Dan Sherry via technical decision. Two of the judges scored for Eubank. What fight were they watching? Having been outboxed for nine rounds by a clearly inferior fighter, having strolled around the ring in a most peculiar pose, and having blatantly and deliberately butted his Canadian opponent—which led to the stoppage—I thought it would have been impossible for Eubank to win. I was wrong.

Eubank was courageous in his victory over Nigel Benn, but his performance against Sherry was a disgrace to pugilism. What's worse is the way in which Eubank pretends to be of superior intelligence to his competitors. (Stumbling through limited vocabulary, he dubs them brutes.) World-class boxers such as Evander Holyfield, Julio Cesar Chavez, Thomas Hearns, and Mike McCallum are under no such pretensions and have much more class.

Many British fans are of the opinion that Eubank could beat IBF champion Michael Nunn. I am certainly not among them. Not all of us are blinded by patriotism.

PETER M. WALMSLEY
Manchester, England

SPIKING THE SPIKE

I couldn't have agreed more with everything Jeff Ryan wrote in his column "Next Time, Spike It" (April 1991). A bunch of my friends and I had the misfortune of catching the garbage feature that preceded the Tyson-Stewart fight on HBO. If Spike Lee's motives were to get a reaction out of viewers, he succeeded. Instead of getting together and enjoying a fight, we were all left with bitter tastes in our mouths. I realize that promoters use racism as a tool to sell tickets, and fans shouldn't take it seriously. But Lee's film, as Mike Tyson would say, had bad intentions.

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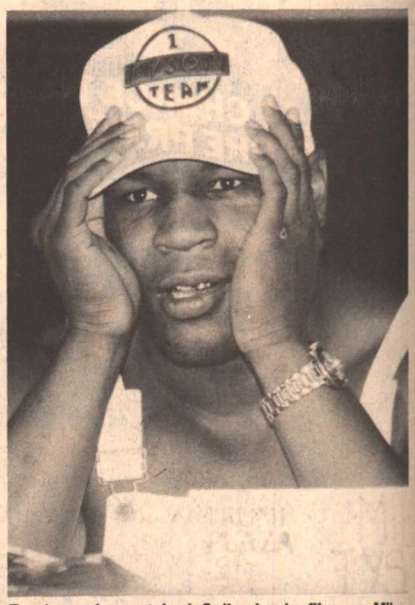
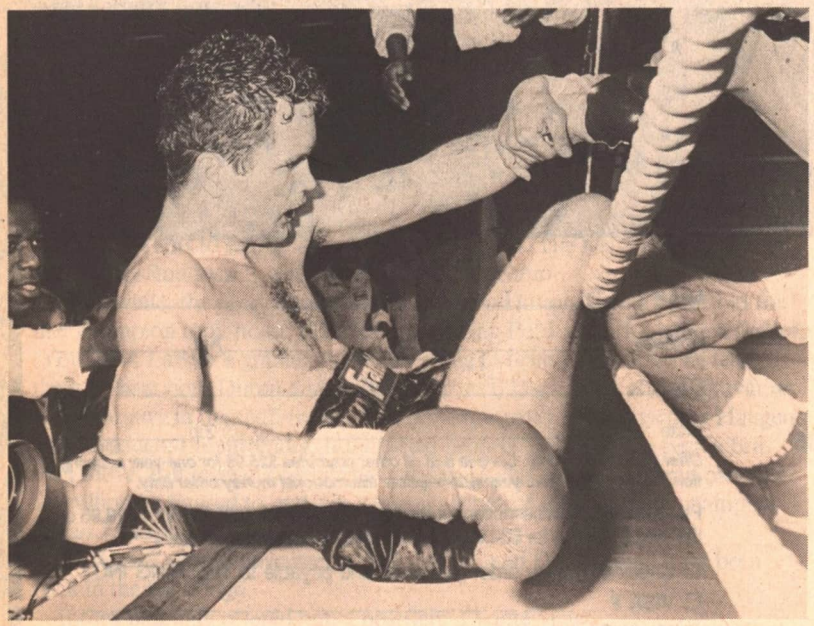


Readers who watched Spike Lee's film on Mike Tyson agreed with columnist Jeff Ryan: Tyson and promoter Don King expressed racist views.



Middleweight Dan Sherry flies through the ropes at the end of his battle with Chris Eubank. The bout ended in a peculiar way. Sherry was butted from behind, and the Canadian was unable to continue.

I would like to commend Jeff Ryan on his well-needed, as well as well-written, column concerning Spike Lee's film on Mike Tyson and Don King. The racial garbage of Tyson and King needed to be addressed intelligently.

I am a black man who lives in a Los Angeles ghetto and am personally embarrassed by these two bigots. It seems to me that since they have made all their money off white America, Tyson and King believe that they can turn around and stab them in the back. It must be pretty easy for them now that they're among the richest people in the country.

The saddest fact is that both men show so little pride in their accomplishments. It seems that whenever someone threatens them in any way, they cry racism instead of standing tall, looking the person in the eye, and being proud of who they are and where they came from. Mike, Don, and Spike, too bad you can't practice what you preach and do the right thing.

CHARLIE JACKSON
Los Angeles, CA

Right on to Jeff Ryan and his column that ripped Spike Lee, Mike Tyson, and Don King. I couldn't believe all the racially biased crap Tyson and King spurted out during Lee's film. As for HBO, how could you allow such trash to be aired? You got ripped off by Lee for $50,000, and I'm glad you did. Maybe next time you'll think twice before turning over valuable air time to an enterprising capitalist like Lee, who took advantage of the audience.

MARK MATHOSIAN
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SUGAR RAY'S GOODBYE

Why, Sugar Ray, why? Of all people, I thought you had the intelligence to know when to call it a day. Didn't the second fight with Thomas Hearns tell you anything? Sure, you easily beat Roberto Duran, but he was more washed up than you were. Why did you have to follow the age-old tradition of great fighters and have one fight too many? What on earth made you think you could beat a younger, faster, stronger fighter like Terry Norris? Especially after a 14-month layoff?

As one of your biggest fans, this left a sour taste in my mouth. However, it will pass, and memories of your great fights with Benitez, Duran, Hagler, and Hearns will come flooding back.

You retired with dignity, but like so many before you, you refused to accept that Father Time had caught up with you.

MARK LAWSON
Pennith, England

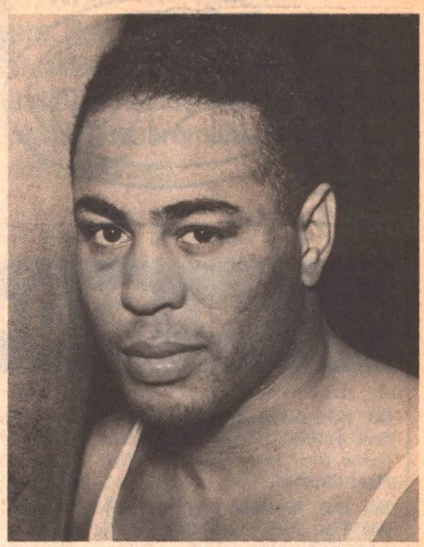
FORGOTTEN CHAMP

It seems that among the most forgotten champions in boxing history was former 175-pound king John Henry Lewis. Being from Phoenix, I'm aware that Lewis was raised here, though he was born in Los Angeles. Lewis was an outstanding champion, but after being kayoed by heavyweight champion Joe Louis, he seemed to disappear. I know Lewis never fought after that knockout loss, even though he remained the light heavyweight champion. But I don't know why. Was it because he was old? Hoping you can help.

PHILLIP MORRISON
Phoenix, AZ

Editor's Note: Lewis was only 24 when he lost to Joe Louis in January 1939. (He had turned pro at age 14.) He announced his retirement about six months later. There were three contributing reasons: First, he unsuccessfully campaigned for a rematch. Second, he refused to defend against the number-one light heavyweight contender, Tiger Jack Fox. And third, he admitted that he had been blind in his left eye for three years.

Lewis won the 175-pound crown with a 15-round decision over Bob Olin in October 1935. He made five defenses and retired with a record of 103-8-6 (60).



Former light heavyweight champion John Henry Lewis was underrated, partly because he was kayoed in one round by the bigger Joe Louis.

ALI AND LOUIS

Readers Lloyd Coon and Izzy Schvine both stated in letters to the April 1991 issue of *The Ring* that Joe Louis would have defeated Muhammad Ali. Louis was certainly the best combination puncher of them all. But here are four reasons why Ali would have beaten him:

1) Louis always had trouble with clever boxers, and Ali was the fastest big man on two feet.

2) Ali always demonstrated an ability to adapt and change, where Louis boxed poorly if his initial fight plan failed him.

3) Louis' chin was vulnerable, and Ali proved his chin against some of the hardest hitters of all time. Louis never faced a puncher with the size and power of Sonny Liston or George Foreman.

4) Ali never lost a fight until age 29. And when other greats were retired or on their way out, he was winning the title for the second and third times.

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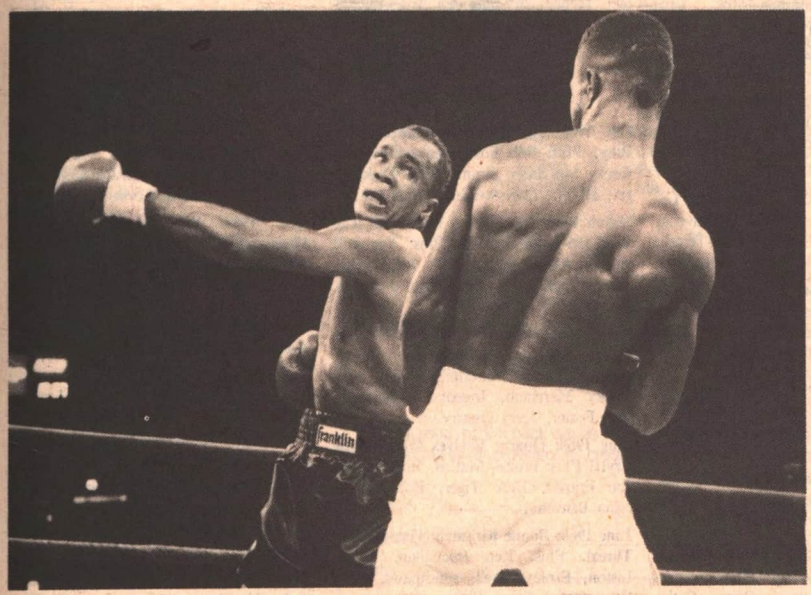
Danville, IL ■



Though he tried till the end, Ray Leonard couldn't reach Terry Norris during their WBC super welterweight title fight at Madison Square Garden. Sugar Ray promised that it was his final fight.

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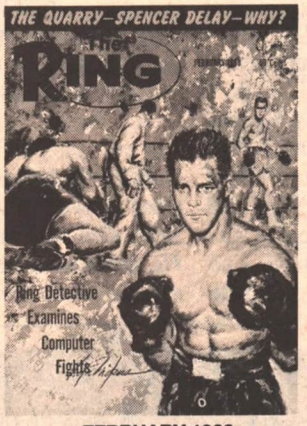

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ROUND ONE

COUNTING ON IT: As the world approaches the 21st century, boxing is threatening to keep pace. Records are stored by computers. Boxers are training on computerized weight machines. Computers analyze and break down the number of punches thrown per round. And there's more to come.

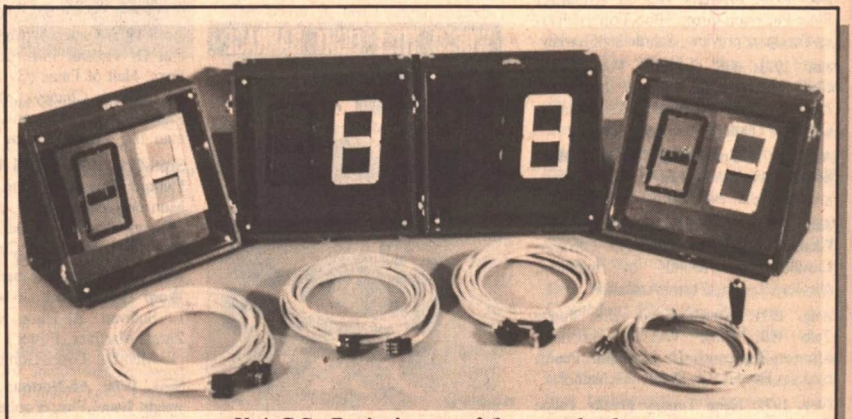
V.A.C.S. stands for the visual-audio counting system. Developed by former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson and fight fan Scott Rubinstein, V.A.C.S. computerizes the 10-count after a fighter is knocked down. The system consists of four digital display monitors, positioned midway between the ringposts and just beyond the ring apron. What makes the innovation special is the computer that links the visual monitors to an audible count over the public address system.

When a fighter is floored, the knockdown timekeeper presses a button and the count is immediately displayed on all four monitors. Simultaneously, a corresponding computerized voice calls out the count over the PA.

"With this device," says Patterson, "the referee will more effectively be able to evaluate the condition of a knocked-down fighter. As any boxing fan knows, the atmosphere inside the ring can get very confused after a knockdown, and long and short counts have become the norm and not the exception."

V.A.C.S. has been used during various cards in New York State, and Patterson and Rubinstein are hopeful that their device will become mandatory in all pro and amateur bouts. Seems like a sensible idea to us, but wherever he is, Jack Dempsey would probably say that it's come about 65 years too late.

—Steve Farhood

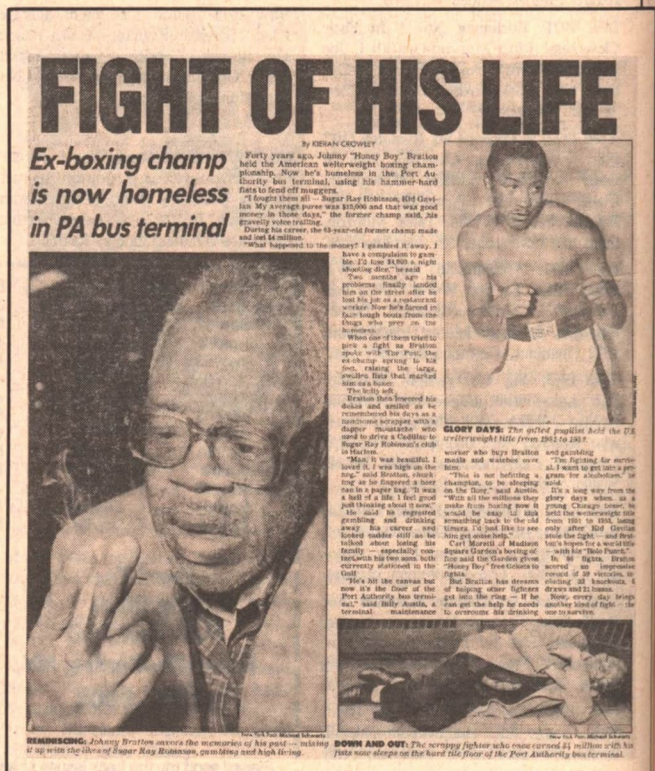


V.A.C.S.: Boxing's state-of-the-art technology

WHO IS THAT MAN?: For one week in March, a homeless man who was an admitted alcoholic, had the *New York Post* and several television stations convinced that he was Johnny Bratton, the world welterweight champion from 1951 to 1953. The man even fooled the Madison Square Garden boxing department, which, for years, had given him tickets to its shows.

The *Post* detailed how the man lost his job as a restaurant worker and lived at the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan. The newspaper ran a photo of the man next to a photo of the real Johnny Bratton taken 35 years ago.

But there was little resemblance. Particularly suspicious was the man's upper lip, which was much thicker than that of the real Bratton. And, despite having good knowledge of Bratton's career, there were holes in the man's story. He claimed to have fought Sugar Ray Robinson and earned $4-million during his career. The real Bratton made nowhere near



FIGHT OF HIS LIFE

Ex-boxing champ is now homeless in PA bus terminal

By KIERAN CROWLEY

Forty years ago, Johnny "Honey Boy" Bratton held the American welterweight boxing championship. Now he's homeless in the Port Authority bus terminal, using his hammer-hard fists to fend off muggers.

"I fought them all — Sugar Ray Robinson, Kid Gavilan. My average purse was $10,000 and that was good money in those days," the former champ said, his gravelly voice trailing.

During his career, the 63-year-old former champ made and lost $4 million.

"What happened to the money? I gambled it away. I have a compulsion to gamble. I'd lose $4,000 a night shooting dice," he said.

Two months ago, his problems finally landed him on the street after he lost his job as a restaurant worker. Now he's forced to fight tough bouts from the thugs who prey on the homeless.

When one of them tried to pick a fight as Bratton spoke with The Post, the ex-champ sprung to his feet, raising the large, swollen fists that started him as a boxer.

The bully left.

Bratton then lowered his dukes and smiled as he remembered his days as a handsome swapper with a dapper moustache who used to drive a Cadillac to Sugar Ray Robinson's club in Harlem.

"Man, it was beautiful. I loved it. I was high on the fog," said Bratton, chuckling as he fingered a beer can in a paper bag. "It was a hell of a life. I feel good just shooting about it now."

He said his regretted gambling and drinking away his career and looked sadder still as he talked about losing his family — especially contact with his two sons, both currently stationed in the Gulf.

"He's hit the canvas but now it's the floor of the Port Authority bus terminal," said Billy Austin, a terminal maintenance worker who buys Bratton meals and watches over him.

"This is not befitting a champion, to be sleeping on the floor," said Austin. "With all the millions they make from boxing now it would be easy to kick something back to the old timers. I'd just like to see him get some help."

Carl Moretti of Madison Square Garden's boxing office said the Garden gives "Honey Boy" free tickets to fights.

But Bratton has dreams of helping other fighters get into the ring — if he can get the help he needs to overcome his drinking and gambling.

"I'm fighting for survival. I want to get into a program for alcoholism," he said.

It's a long way from the glory days when, as a young Chicago lover, he held the welterweight title from 1951 to 1953, losing only after Kid Gavilan stole the fight — and Bratton's hopes for a world title — with his "Bolo Punch."

In 86 fights, Bratton scored an impressive record of 69 victories, including 38 knockouts, 6 of keeping other fighters draws and 11 losses.

Now, every day brings another kind of fight — the one to survive.

REMINISCING: *Johnny Bratton savors the memories of his past — mixing it up with the likes of Sugar Ray Robinson, gambling and high living.*

GLORY DAYS: *The gifted pugilist held the U.S. welterweight title from 1951 to 1953.*

DOWN AND OUT: *The scrappy fighter who once earned $4 million with his fists now sleeps on the hard tile floor of the Port Authority bus terminal.*

The Bratton imposter told a good story

that amount and never fought Ray Robinson.

The imposter pulled off the hoax until Dana Bratton, who lives in Los Angeles, saw the story about his father.

"That's not my old man," Bratton said when he saw the imposter's photo.

The real Johnny Bratton resides in a nursing home in Chicago. He is 63.

"No kidding," he said when told about the imposter. "That's really something. I have no idea who he is."

—Joseph C. Tintle

OH, NO! NOT AGAIN: So you thought George Foreman's comeback was farfetched . . .

Former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes has launched another quest for the title. This will be his second comeback. As we went to press, Holmes was scheduled to fight Tim "Doc" Anderson on April 7 in Hollywood, Florida.

Holmes last December

"If my sparring partners can do things to me I wouldn't want them to do, I'd say the hell with it," said the 41-year-old Holmes, who last stepped into the ring in January 1988, when he was brutally kayoed by Mike Tyson. "I want to see if I've got anything. If I don't, I don't want to be in there."

If Holmes is satisfied with his performance against Anderson, he'll plan a few more tuneups before taking on a contender.

"I want to be in the midst of things to come at the end of the year," he said.

Laugh if you like, but remember, in 1987, you were laughing at George Foreman, too.

—Ed Maloney

A COSTLY TRYST: Evander Holyfield has faced some of the biggest and baddest men in boxing, but has apparently yet to square off against an opponent shrewder than his estranged wife, Paulette.

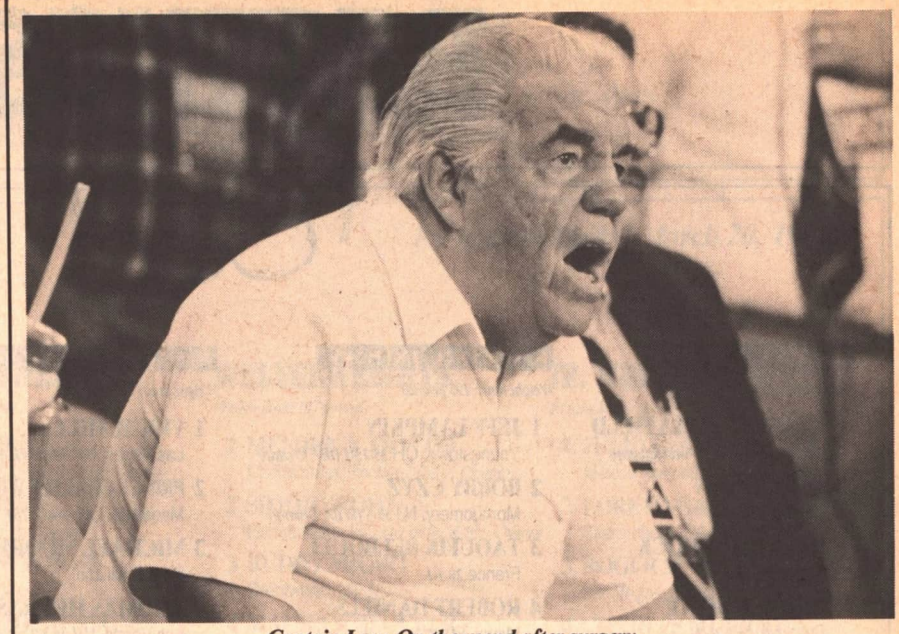
In the weeks leading up to her husband's October title fight vs. Buster Douglas, Paulette Holyfield went public with her intentions to file for divorce. In December, the two parties settled, with Paulette to collect a reported $4-million.

But in March, she filed a motion to have the divorce petition dismissed so she could refile and seek a larger settlement. Her attorney, Frederic W. Tokars, cited a law that voids a divorce petition if the parties engage in sex. According to Paulette, she visited Holyfield at his Houston training camp the first week in March, and the two had sexual relations.

Talk about a suckerpunch.

—Robert Cassidy

OUTSIDE THE ROPES: Former junior welterweight champion Aaron Pryor was arrested on charges of drug abuse and aggravated drug trafficking in Cincinnati. Police said Pryor had about five pieces of crack, worth about $50 apiece, "packaged similar to that used for sale purposes." Pryor was held on $10,000 bond . . . Update on Bobby Chacon, another former champion who has had trouble with the law: "In the five years we've been married," says Debrah Chacon, "he hasn't gotten as much as a speeding ticket." The Chacons have settled in Mesa, Arizona, after a brief stay in Butte, Montana. Chacon is looking forward to training his 18-year-old son Bobby Jr., nicknamed "Chico," an amateur who just moved from Los Angeles to Mesa . . . A U.S. District Judge dismissed trainer Kevin Rooney's $10-million lawsuit against Mike Tyson. Rooney, who was fired by Tyson in 1988, sued for breach of contract. Despite the decision, Rooney seemed happy. "I know it cost Tyson a lot of money in legal fees," he said . . . *Newsday* reported that Lincoln (Pennsylvania) University features a one-two basketball punch of forward Mike Tyson and guard Don King. But Lincoln, a Division III team, was 4-21 . . . According to police, shots were fired into the mobile home of middleweight Roy Jones Jr. in his native Pensacola, Florida. Jones, a former Olympian, was not home, and no one was hurt . . . Manager and trainer Lou Duva underwent surgery in Houston to clear blocked arteries surrounding his heart. Capt. Lou is a trooper; he was back in camp eight days later. ■



Captain Lou: On the mend after surgery

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Canada *25-2-1*

4 **RIDDICK BOWE**
Brooklyn, NY *22-0*

5 **TIM WITHERSPOON**
Philadelphia, PA *34-3*

6 **BUSTER DOUGLAS**
Columbus, OH *30-5-1*

7 **RAY MERCER**
Union, NJ *17-0*

8 **CARL WILLIAMS**
White Plains, NY *23-4*

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4 **ROBERT DANIELS**
Miami, FL *17-2-1*

5 **MASSIMILIANO DURAN**
Italy *18-0 (WBC Champ)*

6 **ANACLET WAMBA**
France *28-2*

7 **JOHNNY NELSON**
England *20-5-1*

8 **JAMES WARRING**
Miami, FL *11-1*

9 **NATE MILLER**
Philadelphia, PA *18-2*

10 **ALFRED COLE**
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LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 175 pounds

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Las Vegas, NV *30-0 (WBA Champ)*

2 **PRINCE CHARLES WILLIAMS**
Mansfield, OH *30-4-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **MICHAEL MOORER**
Detroit, MI *22-0*

4 **THOMAS HEARNS**
Las Vegas, NV *48-3-1*

5 **DENNIS ANDRIES**
Detroit, MI *39-8-2 (WBC Champ)*

6 **JEFF HARDING**
Australia *19-1*

7 **GRACIANO ROCCHIGIANI**
Germany *31-0*

8 **BOOKER T. WORD**
Ypsilanti, MI *18-1-1*

9 **FRANK TATE**
Houston, TX *28-2*

10 **ANTHONY HEMBRICK**
Beckley, WV *17-1*

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 168 pounds

1 **CHRISTOPHE TIOZZO**
France *28-0 (WBA Champ)*

2 **LINDELL HOLMES**
Detroit, MI *44-5-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **TONY BYRD**
Los Angeles, CA *18-2-1*

4 **MAURO GALVANO**
Italy *16-1-2 (WBC Champ)*

5 **VICTOR CORDOVA**
Panama *13-2*

6 **TONY THORNTON**
Glassboro, NJ *27-4-1*

7 **MERQUI SOSA**
New York, NY *19-1*

8 **JOHN JARVIS**
Richmond, VA *22-2*

9 **JUAN CARLOS GIMENEZ**
Paraguay *34-4-3*

10 **DARIO MATTEONI**
Argentina *25-2-1*

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 135 pounds

1 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Norfolk, VA *25-1 (World Champ)*

2 **TRACY SPANN**
Plainfield, NJ *26-0*

3 **FREDDIE PENDLETON**
Miami, FL *28-17-3*

4 **JUAN NAZARIO**
Puerto Rico *22-3*

5 **POLI DIAZ**
Spain *30-0*

6 **ANTHONY JONES**
Detroit, MI *28-3-1*

7 **PEDRO SANCHEZ**
New York, NY *19-0-1*

8 **DARRYL TYSON**
Washington, D.C. *33-4*

9 **SHARMBA MITCHELL**
Takoma Park, MD *21-0*

10 **CHIL SUNG CHUN**
South Korea *17-1*

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 130 pounds

1 **AZUMAH NELSON**
Ghana *32-2 (WBC Champ)*

2 **TONY LOPEZ**
Sacramento, CA *36-2-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **BRIAN MITCHELL**
South Africa *42-1-3 (WBA Champ)*

4 **JEFF FENECH**
Australia *25-0*

5 **JOHN-JOHN MOLINA**
Puerto Rico *22-3*

6 **GENARO HERNANDEZ**
Los Angeles, CA *23-0*

7 **JOEY GAMACHE**
Lewiston, ME *22-0*

8 **BERNARD TAYLOR**
Knoxville, TN *41-2-2*

9 **JERRY NGOBENI**
South Africa *18-1*

10 **FRANKIE MITCHELL**
Philadelphia, PA *25-1*

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 126 pounds

1 **ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA**
Venezuela *30-1-4 (WBA Champ)*

2 **MARCOS VILLASANA**
Mexico *51-7-2 (WBC Champ)*

3 **LOUIE ESPINOZA**
Phoenix, AZ *40-4-2*

4 **TROY DORSEY**
Dallas, TX *12-3-4*

5 **MAURIZIO STECCA**
Italy *41-1*

6 **RICARDO CEPEDA**
Bronx, NY *21-0-1*

7 **ELOY ROJAS**
Venezuela *20-0*

8 **RAFAEL ZUNIGA**
Colombia *24-0-2*

9 **TOM JOHNSON**
Detroit, MI *23-1-1*

10 **RAFAEL RUELAS**
Arleta, CA *24-0*

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 122 pounds

1 **JESSE BENAVIDES**
Corpus Christi, TX *33-1*

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Japan *(WBC Champ) 22-1-1*

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Argentina *26-3*

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Colombia *30-2-2 (WBA Champ)*

6 **PAUL BANKE**
Quail Valley, CA *19-5*

7 **JESUS SALUD**
San Diego, CA *36-4*

8 **TRACY PATTERSON**
New Paltz, NY *40-2*

9 **BABY SUGAR ROJAS**
Colombia *34-4-1*

10 **JEMAL HINTON**
District Heights, MD *15-0*

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Weight limit: 160 pounds

1 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Los Angeles, CA *36-0 (IBF Champ)*

2 **JULIAN JACKSON**
Virgin Islands *41-1 (WBC Champ)*

3 **SUMBU KALAMBAY**
Italy *50-4-1*

4 **MIKE McCALLUM**
Brooklyn, NY *39-1 (WBA Champ)*

5 **STEVE COLLINS**
Brockton, MA *18-1*

6 **CHRIS EUBANK**
England *26-0*

7 **JAMES TONEY**
Ann Arbor, MI *24-0-1*

8 **MICHAEL WATSON**
England *24-2-1*

9 **NIGEL BENN**
England *27-2*

10 **REGGIE JOHNSON**
Houston, TX *28-1-1*

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 154 pounds

1 **TERRY NORRIS**
Mission Valley, CA *27-3 (WBC Champ)*

2 **GILBERT DELE**
France *27-0-1 (WBA Champ)*

3 **GIANFRANCO ROSI**
Italy *51-3 (IBF Champ)*

4 **JOHN DAVID JACKSON**
Tucson, AZ *22-0*

5 **JULIO CESAR VASQUEZ**
Argentina *26-0*

6 **JORGE CASTRO**
Argentina *53-2-2*

7 **TYRONE TRICE**
Milwaukee, WI *37-3*

8 **AARON DAVIS**
Bronx, NY *32-1*

9 **GLENN WOLFE**
Miami, FL *27-1-1*

10 **MARK BRELAND**
New York, NY *27-2-1*

WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 147 pounds

1 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Cheltenham, PA *26-1-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **SIMON BROWN**
Germantown, MD *34-1 (WBC & IBF Champ)*

3 **BUDDY McGIRT**
Brentwood, NY *51-2-1*

4 **MAURICE BLOCKER**
Germantown, MD *32-2*

5 **GLENWOOD BROWN**
Plainfeild, NJ *33-1*

6 **LONNIE SMITH**
Denver, CO *28-2-1*

7 **GENARO LEON**
Mexico *36-2-2*

8 **CRISANTO ESPANA**
N. Ireland *22-0*

9 **HIROYUKI YOSHINO**
Japan *18-3-1*

10 **LUIS GARCIA**
Venezuela *21-0*

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 140 pounds

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Mexico *74-0 (WBC & IBF Champ)*

2 **LORETO GARZA**
Sacramento, CA *28-1-1 (WBA Champ)*

3 **ROGER MAYWEATHER**
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4 **CHARLES MURRAY**
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6 **HECTOR CAMACHO**
Big Cypress, FL *38-1*

7 **JUAN COGGI**
Argentina *47-2-2*

8 **PAT BARRETT**
England *29-1-1*

9 **TERRENCE ALLI**
New York, NY *45-7-2*

10 **ANGEL HERNANDEZ**
Puerto Rico *35-0-2*

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 118 pounds

1 **ORLANDO CANIZALES**
Laredo, TX *27-1-1 (IBF Champ)*

2 **GREG RICHARDSON**
Youngstown, OH *28-3 (WBC Champ)*

3 **LUISITO ESPINOSA**
Philippines *25-5 (WBA Champ)*

4 **RAUL PEREZ**
Mexico *48-2-2*

5 **PEPILLO VALDEZ**
Mexico *37-3-1*

6 **YONG HOON LEE**
South Korea *18-0*

7 **ISRAEL CONTRERAS**
Venezuela *33-2-1*

8 **GABY CANIZALES**
Laredo, TX *49-7-1*

9 **GERARDO MARTINEZ**
San Jose, CA *24-1*

10 **BILLY HARDY**
England *25-5-1*

JR. BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 115 pounds

1 **KHAOSAI GALAXY**
Thailand *46-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **SUNG KIL MOON**
South Korea *13-1 (WBC Champ)*

3 **NANA KONADU**
Ghana *19-1-1*

4 **ROBERT QUIROGA**
San Antonio, TX *17-0 (IBF Champ)*

5 **KID AKEEM**
Las Vegas, NV *23-0*

6 **JOSE RUIZ**
Puerto Rico *19-2*

7 **JOHNNY TAPIA**
Albuquerque, NM *21-0-1*

8 **THALERNSAK SITHBAOBEY**
Thailand *32-2*

9 **DAVID GRIMAN**
Venezuela *11-0*

10 **REY PACIONES**
Philippines *30-2-3*

FLYWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 112 pounds

1 **MUANGCHAI KITTIKASEM**
Thailand *13-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **DAVE McAULEY**
Ireland *16-2-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **ELVIS ALVAREZ**
Colombia *19-2-1 (WBA Champ)*

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South Korea *19-3*

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Venezuela *20-2-2*

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Boxing's 10 Best Fighters, Pound For Pound

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Junior Welterweight

2 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Lightweight

3 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Middleweight

4 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Welterweight

5 **EVANDER HOLYFIELD**
Heavyweight

6 **MIKE TYSON**
Heavyweight

7 **YUH MYUNG WOO**
Light Flyweight

8 **KHAOSAI GALAXY**
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KATZ SCAN

DEPRIVED OF THE KILL

By Michael Katz

The ending was vile. The fight wasn't truly over, and it was ended by the wrong man, a referee who should never again be entrusted with the dignity of the sport. But let not Richard Steele's actions sour and curdle Mike Tyson's accomplishments. Lift the veil of controversy, not only of the referee's untimely stoppage, but of Tyson's own anarchy-ridden career, and let the light in.

Mike Tyson is in so many ways exactly what we admire in our warriors, and we have so few that he should not be penalized for the misdeeds of others.

There he was in a fight we cynics said was unnecessary because Razor Ruddock was dangerous, and there was no need for number one to fight number two, not with a chance for his old title inevitable. We were right; Ruddock proved to be very dangerous.

But Tyson gladly accepted the risks with the bravery of a man who demands to be tested only by the best. He needs not to be babied with the pablum of meeting Henry Tillmans and Alex Stewarts. He needs not the protection that Steele afforded him in the round following Ruddock's first telling blows. Tyson can do it without any help.

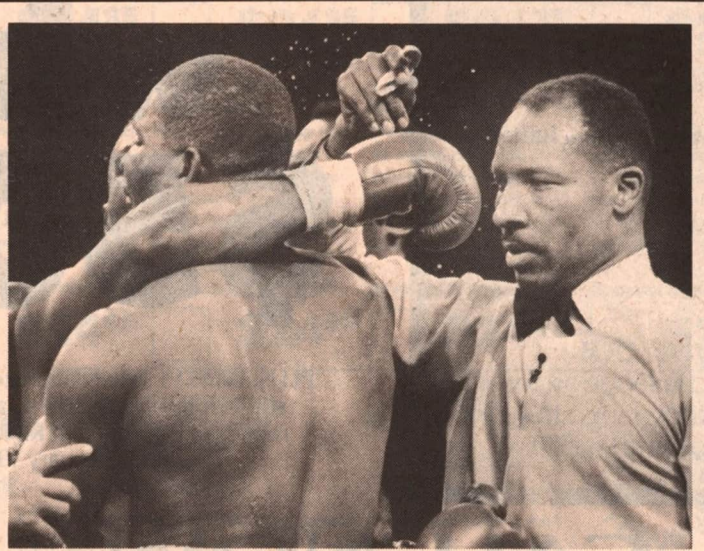
He was as dissatisfied with the ending as we were. He said, "I'd like to have left him out cold, [but I] can't control the referee's decision." He immediately called for a rematch, which only a real fighter would do. Ruddock, he said, "punches hard, like a bleeping mule kicks," but he would be more than happy to finish what he had started, and with no help this time.

Tyson is not like other champions who hide from challenges. He is not a Virgil Hill or Prince Charles Williams, so-called champions unwilling to meet the other so-called champions. He is not a Michael Nunn looking for the aged and infirm. He does not hide in Europe like Lennox Lewis or Christophe Tiozzo, or clown like Jorge Paez or Hector Camacho. Give him credit.

Yes, he waves his arrogance in our faces. "How dare they challenge me with their primitive skills?" he said after beating Frank Bruno. "I feel sorry for the guys who want to fight me," he said after beating Ruddock. We may prefer our champions to wrap themselves in false modesty. We may prefer the quiet of a Joe Louis or Evander Holyfield, but Tyson belongs to the long and loud line that began with John L. Sullivan and proceeded cockily through Jack Johnson and Muhammad Ali.

Economically, the Ruddock fight made little sense. There was more to be risked than gained. But Tyson is obviously not about money. He is the glory that is all competition, the pride that sometimes goes before the fall. It is good that Buster Douglas came along and reminded him that he must take this game seriously. He never would have beaten Ruddock otherwise. In fact, had Tyson met Ruddock when first scheduled, back in November 1989, the result would have been the same as it was in Tokyo the following February. Ruddock would have beaten Douglas to the punch and knocked out a fighter who had grown complacent in his skills, who had come to believe that his mere presence in the ring was a guarantee of victory.

Ruddock was not among the timid and frightened. He ran eagerly into the ring for his date with Tyson. He would not be jilted this time. And do not be fooled by the frequent lapses of skills by both fighters, the holding and the gouging, the



Tyson and Ruddock embrace after the stoppage by Richard Steele, who is holding the loser's gumshield. The consensus: Steele's intervention came prematurely.

pushing and the shoving. This was a dangerous game they were playing.

They had no patience for subtlety. Each punch was designed as a finishing touch. Ruddock is basically a one-armed fighter, but he was in a town where one-armed machines have been known to do considerable damage. His "smash," a unique hybrid of hook and uppercut, was overused from poor range, but its threat earned Tyson's respect. Ruddock was criticized for not using his jab enough, for not using the protection of his 11-inch reach advantage. But Tyson, at his best, eats up jabs like Ruddock's that are left limply out on the line, in no position to defend against the wicked counter overhand rights.

This was not prime Tyson. He himself said he "made a lot of mistakes," that if he had been Razor Ruddock "and fighting a guy like me, it'd have been all over." He again forgot his jab and seldom used his superior quickness to drive in on Ruddock from different angles.

But once again he demonstrated that he is more than a puncher, that his greatness is just as dependent on his speed. I will not attempt to rank Tyson in the pantheon of the heavyweight legends. It is still too early in his career, and fighters who live in the fast lane dissipate their speed prematurely. Longevity may not be his long suit. Nor is he unbeatable, not even against men of comparatively primitive skills like Ruddock. But in what may well have been a contest between the two best heavyweights in the world, he showed he was clearly the best.

He remembered this time to work the body. Not since his quick destruction of Michael Spinks had there been such a concerted effort to open an opponent's middle, and here Steele favored him, overlooking Tyson's frequent forays to targets below the accepted boundaries of decency.

Steele must be Don King's favorite referee. He rescued the promoter's second-greatest meal ticket, Julio Cesar Chavez, with a questionable stoppage two seconds before what would have been a certain loss to Meldrick Taylor the year before. Now he allowed Tyson to throw punches after the bell and to use elbows and forearms. While Tyson fouled with impunity, Steele warned Ruddock for holding, as if the rules applied to only one contestant.

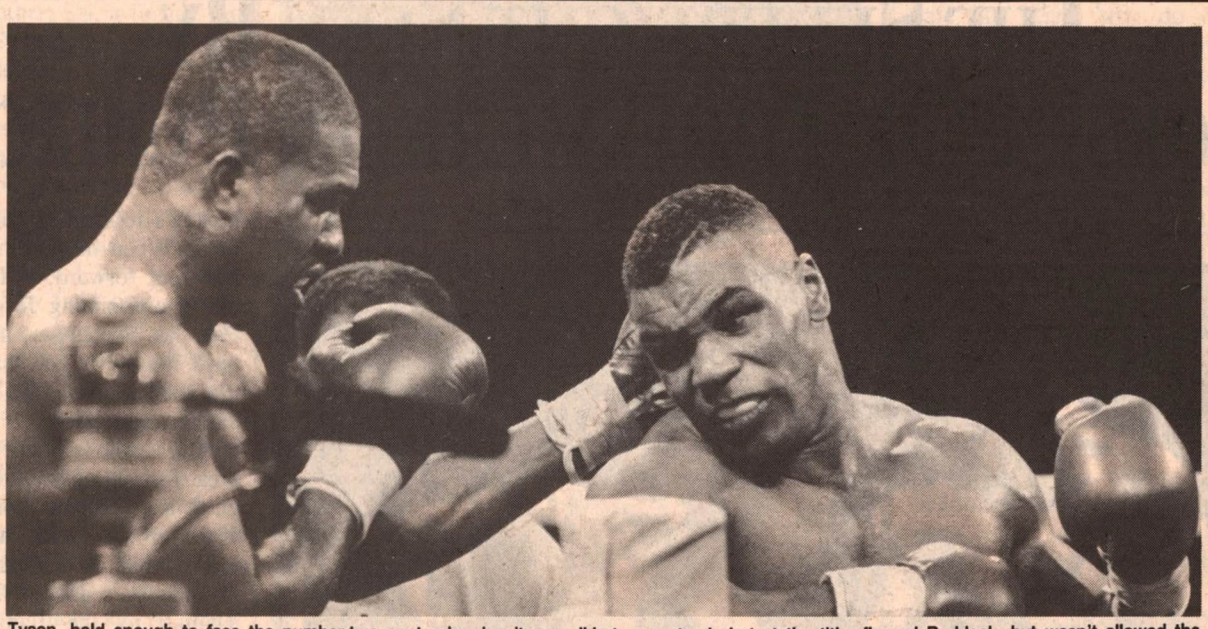
Steele gave Tyson an extra point in the second round when an off-balance Ruddock was hit with a left hook and tripped. The referee counted it as a knockdown, and all three judges duly scored the round 10-8 for Tyson. Steele should have never been allowed in the ring. He earned obvious conflict-of-interest status by working as a pit boss for Steve Wynn, the casino entrepreneur who has a deal with King for future Tyson fights. But Steele also worked King promotions when he was employed at the Riviera, one of King's previous "oases in the desert."

Tyson was inexorably wearing down Ruddock with one punch at a time, instead of with the combinations that his chief cornerman, Richie Giachetti, kept pleading for, until flashes of an upset lit up the Vegas night in the sixth round. Ruddock, who had demonstrated chin and determination of championship caliber, suddenly rallied. There was Tyson stopped in his tracks.

He said he was hurt, but "refused to be hurt." He said, "when I'm right, my chin is concrete." He had come out for the sixth round pointing to Ruddock, as if to say, "This is it, this is where you get off." Three minutes later, there were reminders of that strange night in Tokyo.

Yet Tyson recovered his senses, showing good recuperative powers. He dominated the seventh round as he had the first 5½. He went for a combination, and before the third punch would send Ruddock staggering backward into the ropes, Steele was jumping in to stop the fight. He didn't bother to look at Ruddock, who was not yet finished.

The chances were that this Tyson, still far from sharp, would have done the job. But then the chances were exactly that before the first round. It is too rare that we are afforded the opportunity of two contenders willing to meet each other. Tyson and Ruddock deserved to settle matters on their own. Richard Steele should never be allowed to get in the way again. The clouds of suspicion that he brings to the ring are too high a price for his obvious skills as a referee. ■



Tyson, bold enough to face the number-two contender despite an all-but-guaranteed shot at the title, floored Ruddock, but wasn't allowed the opportunity to finish him. He may receive the chance in a rematch. Given the controversy, Richard Steele won't be the third man for that fight.

RYAN

OUT LOUD

THE SUPERFIGHT SEEN BY .000039% OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC

The unification fight nobody saw: Junior lightweight champions Brian Mitchell (left) and Tony Lopez trade during their 12-round draw. The fight was a winner, but it wasn't televised in the United States—not even on pay-per-view.

By Jeff Ryan

There was a real gem on display in Sacramento's Arco Arena in March, one of those rare gifts from the gods of title unification. But for all anyone knew, Tony Lopez and Brian Mitchell could have been flogging each other with the air hose at some Arco service station. Televised only overseas, one of 1991's finest fights was seen in the U.S. by just 10,018 fans—the crowd at Arco. Heck, even The Pentagon wasn't *this* good at keeping a battle a complete secret. Leave it to boxing to shoot itself in the foot at the same time that it's getting its toenails painted a pretty color.

That Lopez and Mitchell's spirited, action-packed draw would be hidden in a snowstorm on everyone's pay-per-view channel, though, is somehow fitting. The weather forecast for Mitchell's career has never promised high visibility. When he makes a defense of the WBA junior lightweight crown, it turns up in the sports pages as a line of agate type buried next to an ad for one of Earl Scheib's $99.95 paint jobs. That is, when it turns up at all.

Because he was once NBC's favorite son, IBF king Lopez *is* well-known, but it's what he's well-known for that's the problem. He's Tony "The Tiger," boxing's resident frosted flake. When he puts his best foot forward, as he did in outpointing Jorge Paez last September, it's hard not to notice that it's stuffed into a $375 leopard-skin boot.

And while schtick is great for getting you noticed and keeping your name in *TV Guide,* after a while it can also become a scarlet "s." Thanks to the flame-outs of comic book characters like Paez and Vinny Pazienza, it's become assumed that a guy usually has an act because he has nothing else. To a fighter, sparkling robes and catchy theme songs are what pearly whites and blonde tresses once were to Farrah Fawcett: impediments to being taken seriously at your craft.

Ironically, Lopez has also been cursed by his own personality. He's so colorful and engaging, and such a good storyteller, that his out-of-the ring escapades have overshadowed his on-the-job performance. If we don't notice the title belt he's wearing, it's because it's usually covered by some female's arm that's wrapped around his waist. And it's a lot more interesting to hear him talk about the tuneup he plans for his '47 Chevy Fleetmaster than the one he plans before his next unification fight.

Lopez has become famous as the kid who won't leave home, and as the best spokesman for the virtues of California girls since The Beach Boys. But if we turn off the strobe light and refocus our eyes, we'll find a very good fighter standing in front of us. That's right, Azumah, maybe the best 130-pounder in the world.

Last September, I visited Lopez' Auburn, California, training camp. When Tony disappeared for a few minutes, his brother, Sal, a former pro welterweight, told me, "Between fights, Tony gains too much weight, sees too many women, stays out too late, and fools around too much. I don't even like to ride by a McDonald's because I'm afraid he's in there. But by fight time, he's in shape, he's serious, and he puts it all together."

Long gone is the era of Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano. When a fighter is knocked out today, he almost never rebounds to beat the man who stopped him. In fact, says analyst Gil Clancy, because there are so many physical and psychological obstacles to overcome, the guy who was kayoed the first time usually goes even faster the second time around.

After being floored en route to an unpopular decision in 1988, then dethroned via 10th-round knockout in an '89 rematch, Lopez was advised to avoid John-John Molina. Styles suggested that the speedy Molina would dominate their every meeting. But Lopez insisted on another shot at his nemesis, and last May, he floored Molina and regained the title with a 12-round decision.

"That performance," Clancy said, "showed tremendous character."

Lopez has beaten Rocky Lockridge twice, manhandled powerhitter Tyrone Jackson, and handed Paez his first defeat in a stretch of 31 bouts. And he gave Mitchell the scariest night of his reign. Lopez is more than a robe full of glitter and a mouth that talks litter.

"Sometimes I'm thought of as a clown, and that makes people underrate my ability and experience," he told me shortly after the Mitchell fight. "If I wore plain black or white trunks and didn't talk about myself, people would be more focused on what I do and not who I am. But if I worried all the time about what people thought of me, I'd be a sick man."

If Mitchell worried all the time about what people thought of *him,* he'd be a sick and *lonely* man. Few people recognize him, but one group that rarely lets him pass by unnoticed is the anti-apartheid protesters who have dogged the South African on many of his travels. This despite Mitchell's public denouncement of his homeland's segregation policies.

Because the WBA will not sanction any title fights in South Africa, Mitchell has been a man without a country ever since he won the belt in 1986. He's been forced to defend in Puerto Rico, Panama, France, Italy, Spain, England, and the U.S. When he writes his boxing memoirs, they're probably going to read like a Fodor's travel guide.

Yet, when discussing Mitchell, boxing insiders curiously haven't focused on the bizarre idea of playing every game on the road, and the obstacles one must overcome to do so. Instead, they've talked only about Mitchell's handpicked challengers, such nonthreats as Francisco Fernandez, Irving Mitchell, Felipe Orozco, and Jackie Beard.

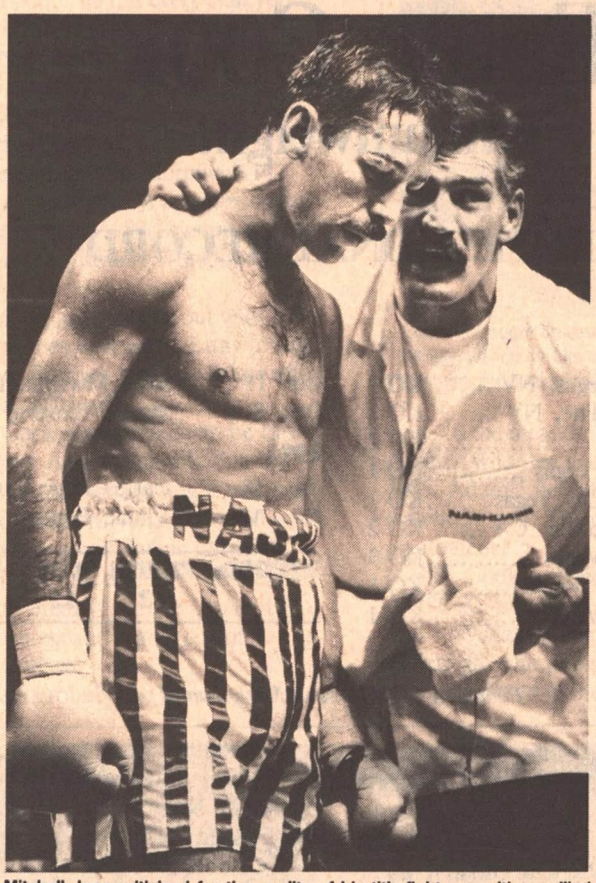
But if it's so easy to plot a safe title reign, why do only two champions in the entire sport have more defenses than Mitchell's 12? (Both WBA junior flyweight champion Myung Woo Yuh and WBA junior bantamweight titlist Khaosai Galaxy have 16.) The fact is, Mitchell is a talented champion whose skills—none eye-popping, but all effective—have been overlooked. Or, too often, obscured by somebody's "SOUTH AFRICAN GO HOME!" placard.

Mitchell's weathering of Lopez' early assault, and his own late-round rally, have probably done more for his reputation than 11 previous defenses combined.

"Even in South Africa, there were many people skeptical of his ability," says Cedric Kushner, Mitchell's promoter. "The country has a very cynical approach to its fighters. Brian needed to perform in the manner he did against someone like Lopez to dispel any negative thoughts. Now people who hear about this performance will look at him from a different perspective. It's all very rewarding for Brian."

If the gods of unification are still smiling, maybe they'll send us down a rematch before the year is out. But regardless, here's hoping that the months ahead find Tony Lopez being viewed more like a fighter who wears basic black and white—even if he does remain convinced that stripes are in this year. And here's hoping that Brian Mitchell is buried up to his mustache in plenty of black and white of a different kind.

No, not the incessant reminders of apartheid, but for a change, some healthy blocks of copy in the sports pages. ■



Mitchell, long criticized for the quality of his title-fight opposition, rallied over the last three rounds and pulled out a draw. After 12 defenses, he deserves some respect. But he can't earn it if no one sees him fight.

NEW FACES

EDDIE COOK
Bantamweight

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

1990

March 2	Lino Linares, Las Vegas, NV	KO 2
April 1	Oscar Jimenez, Stateline, NV	KO 1
April 12	Jesus Rios, Stateline	KO 2
May 24	Ramiro Garcia, Las Vegas	KO 1
June 14	Jose Luis Vasquez, Las Vegas	KO 1
June 26	Francsico Peralta, Reseda, CA	KO 2
July 26	John Ramirez, Las Vegas	KO 3
Aug. 18	Martin Ramirez, Las Vegas	KO 1
Sept. 20	Bert Gonzalez, Las Vegas	KO 1
Oct. 11	Steve Mwema, Las Vegas	KO 4
Dec. 8	Martin Llovera, Scottsdale, AZ	KO 3

1991

Jan. 18	Carlos Paye Perez, Las Vegas	KO 2
Feb. 17	Vinnie Ponzio, Las Vegas	W 8

RECORD:	FIGHTS	WON	LOST	DREW	KO
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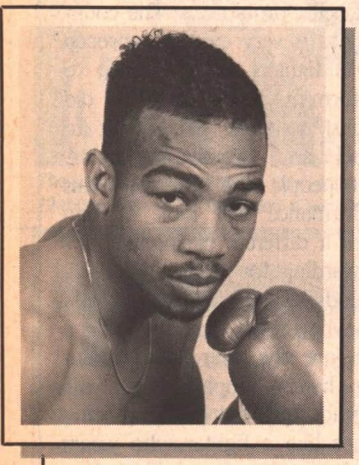

By Steve Farhood

When Eddie Cook was 10 years old, he played tight end in football, but his arms were too short to gather in passes. In junior high school, Cook ran track, but his legs were too short for sprinting. As a teenager, Cook switched to boxing. This time, it was his punches that were short. Perfectly and powerfully short. Ever since, he's believed he can knock out any fighter within his reach.

"Everybody else grew, but I've been this size from the eighth grade on," said the 24-year-old Cook, now 5'3" and 118 pounds. "When I first started boxing, I was 95 pounds and I was stopping people. That's when I realized I could punch."

Cook, a southpaw, is still stopping people with his punch. He's also stopping hearts with his style. A handful of his 13 pro bouts have been shootouts, and Cook has been dropped two times.

In June 1990, Cook downed Jose Luis Vasquez twice in the first round. In seeking the finish, however, he got sloppy. Boom! No problem, though. Cook picked himself up and finished Vasquez before the bell.

In October 1990, Cook faced his toughest test, 1988 Olympian Steve Mwema, who entered the ring at 10-0-1. In the third round of a breathtaking brawl, Mwema connected. Boom! No problem, though. Cook rose and stopped the Kenyan in the fourth.

"It's natural; when you get hit hard, you want to hit hard back," said Cook, who is refreshingly honest and amiable. "But your heart gets you hurt. The smart man will prevail. I want to box, pick my spots, and take my time."

In his most recent effort, Cook was forced to do just that. Colorado's Vinnie Ponzio lasted the entire eight-round distance, soaking up more than 500 punches without pause. Cook had never before fought past four rounds; it was the type of fight every powerpunching prospect needs before advancing to the next level.

"I looked at the guy at the weigh-in," Cook said, "and something told me it was gonna be a long night. But I never thought I could hit *anybody* for eight rounds and not knock him out. In the first few rounds I was getting mad, but after the fight, I just went over and hugged him."

"I was just praying, 'let it go to the late rounds,' " said Ken Adams, Cook's longtime trainer. "He proved he can

do some boxing. Jab, move left, move right, mix up his punches. I was very happy to see him go the distance."

The Ponzio fight was a key step in Cook's meteoric rise toward the top 10. Adams wants a bout with a contender by May—he mentioned Arizona's streaking Johnny Vasquez—and a world title try by the end of the year or the beginning of 1992.

"I never thought I'd advance this fast," admitted Cook.

Not that he's sneaking up on anyone. Several of Cook's bouts have been televised by ESPN, and network analyst Al Bernstein says that the bantamweight is "as exciting as any of the young fighters we're doing now."

"Offensively," Bernstein said, "he has every skill you'd want. There's no reason to think he can't be world-class."

"He may be," said ESPN's Charley Steiner, "the hardest-hitting bantamweight in the world."

What he is *not* is the hardest-*living* bantamweight in the world. After leaving his native St. Louis for a five-year stint in the Army, where he boxed for Adams' dominant Ft. Hood team, Cook moved to Las Vegas. A member of the Las Vegas Gloves team that includes 1988 Olympic gold medalists Kennedy McKinney and Robert Wangila, he remains a quiet loner.

"I'm not close to some of the guys I work out with," he says. "They want to chase women and party. I stay to myself because I have a different lifestyle. I just go home after the gym. I don't even have a girlfriend!"

While relaxing at home, Cook is more likely to be found reading *Money* than *The Ring*. After being told that his kayos bring back memories of the bantamweight bombers of the '70s, he needed an explanation. What followed was a fair tradeoff: *The Ring* told him about Ruben Olivares, Carlos Zarate, and Alfonso Zamora, and he told us about Ginny Mae, Fanny Mae, and Freddy Mac. In September, Cook will begin studying business and management at Clark County Community College.

Given his work habits, he'll probably be a successful student. In the meantime, Cook will continue to study under Adams, who first saw him compete at the World Cup in 1985. Adams' first impression was shared by everyone who watched Cook: The puncher would make a better pro than an amateur.

Cook has fought on several cards featuring Michael Carbajal. In December, he kayoed Martin Llovera on the Carbajal-Leon Salazar undercard.

Still, Cook enjoyed success, compiling an amateur record of 130-20. Boxing at 112 pounds, he won titles at the 1985 and 1989 National Sports Festivals and the 1985 North American championships. At the 1988 Olympic Trials, he was outpointed in the semifinals by eventual champion Arthur Johnson. (Cook fought Johnson a total of seven times, winning twice. Johnson was defeated in the third round at the Olympics and chose not to turn pro.)

Now, fueled by Bob Arum's promotional machine and spotlighted by ESPN, Cook is determined to fulfill the expectations of those who predicted his success as a pro. It's a good time for flyweights and bantamweights, and over the next few months, Cook will continue to benefit, at least indirectly, from the attention paid to Kid Akeem, Johnny Tapia, Robert Quiroga, Orlando Canizales, and 1988 Olympians Scotty Olson and Michael Carbajal. He may not yet be as good as any of them, but none is more exciting.

Even if Cook has been too exciting for his own good. ■

Cook, a southpaw with one-punch kayo power, has engaged in several slugathons. Lapses of concentration have resulted in two flash knockdowns. Both times, however, Cook rebounded to score a knockout.

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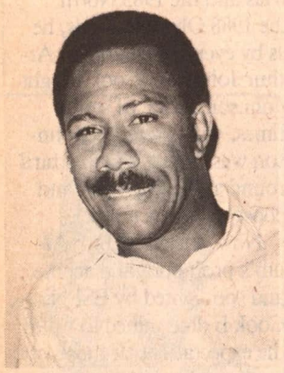


THE DESPERATE STRUGGLE OF

Nothing Left But His Legend

By James Dusgate

On Christmas day in Panama City in 1990, the commemoration of the first anniversary of the American invasion of 1989 proved to be as joyous and full of fun as a convention of sadomasochists. Gen. Noriega probably had more fun eating turkey dinner in a Miami jail cell. As much as the world would like to believe Panama has changed since his arrest, much remains the same. Noriega's involvement in cocaine trafficking was given as part of the official reason for the invasion, but *The New York Times* reports that narcotics activities have actually increased since the demise of the tin-pot demogogue who dared to snub his nose at the United States.

If the drug cartels continue to prosper, others linked to the previous regime have not fared so well. Many languish in local jails, while others have had all their assets frozen or seized. Among the latter is one of boxing's greatest names, former WBA featherweight champion Eusebio Pedroza. Prior to the American invasion, Pedroza's return to the ring—for financial reasons—was already being planned. But the ex-champion's physical condition and age (38) belied his declared intention of again fighting for a world title.

Ignore the itch to come back and it goes away. Scratch it and the urge to return becomes reality. Pedroza scratched. Having since been temporarily imprisoned by the Americans and denied access to his bank deposits (rumored to run into seven figures), Pedroza has been forced to undertake a return for the sake of mere survival.

Even well before his retirement, Pedroza was reaping the benefits of political patronage in his native country, first with a job as a member of congress—a legislative body that for years merely rubber-stamped the decisions of the military—and later as boxing coordinator at the National Sports Institute. He lost both posts as a result of the upheavals.

Pedroza's rise to prominence coincided with that of the charismatic Gen. Omar Torrijos, another of the outstanding international figures who emerged during the '70s in this tiny country of 2.5-million people. Even in 1981, when Torrijos was literally blown out of the sky (on Noriega's orders, according to a report in *Life* magazine), Pedroza's future seemed assured. Like another Panamanian, Roberto Duran, he was an asset to any administration and could expect to be feted by those in power.

In Pedroza's case, however, the accusations have been that his connections with the Noriega regime were sinister. ("Sinister" is a word that has been used to describe the ex-champion on more than one occasion by people both inside and outside boxing.) After retiring from the ring, Pedroza was rumored to be a trigger-happy Noriega agent. He denies the charge, but it inevitably arouses further doubts about his already checkered history.

In a candid interview, Pedroza talked openly—at times passionately—of the events after the invasion, which ultimately catalyzed his decision to resume his ring career.

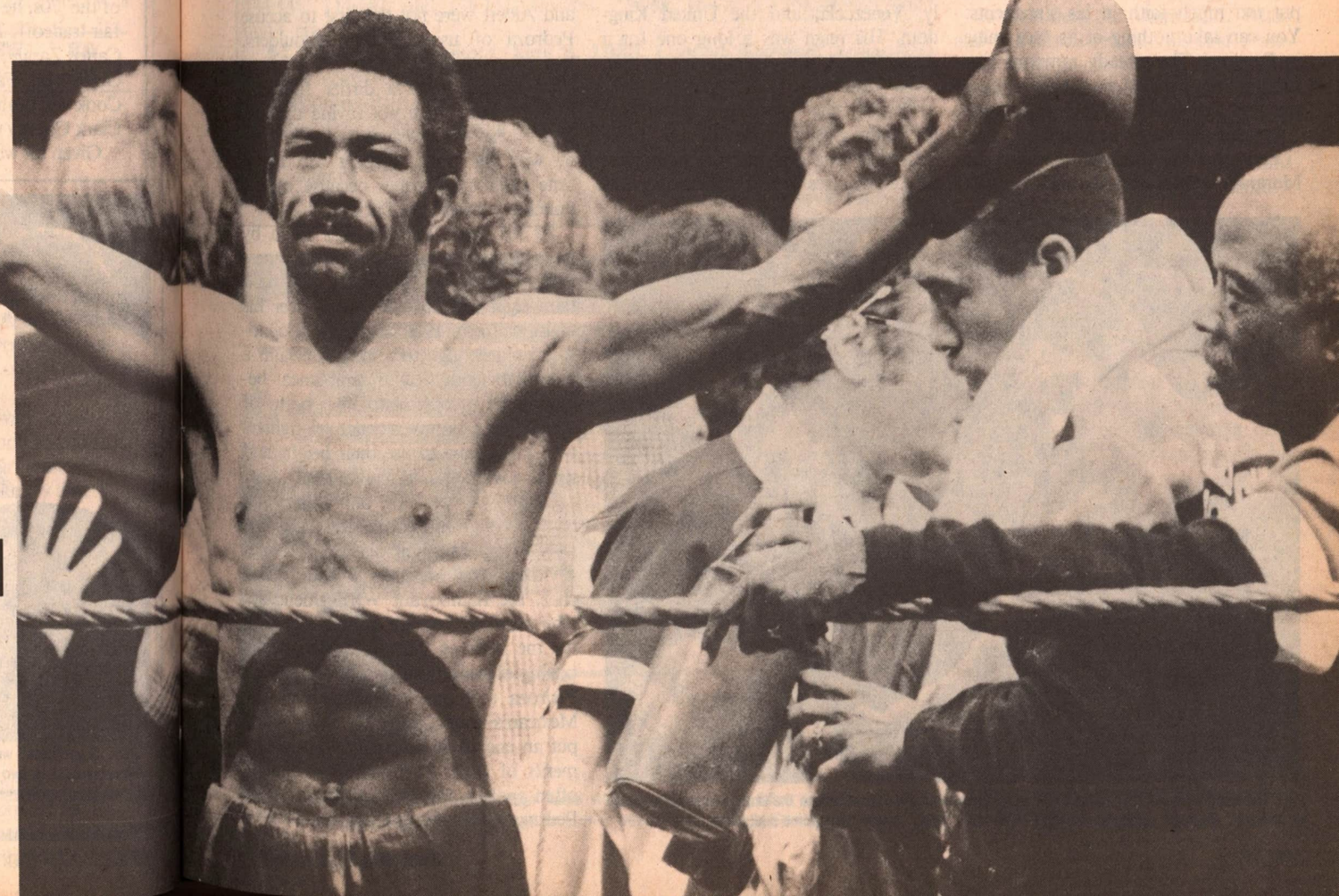
"After the invasion, there were rumors that I had been killed," he said. "I received calls from concerned friends in the U.S., but I assured them that my family and I were okay. In fact, I did not go out of the house until the 26th [of December, a week after the invasion], and only then to refute such rumors. I had no reason to join in the fighting; I am not a Panamanian soldier.

"I was then detained for five days. I spoke to two senior police officers by phone and then went to police headquarters to dispel the rumors of my death. When I got there, a Panamanian lieutenant grabbed me and told me that he was going to hand me over to the Americans, who, according to him, were looking for me. I said, 'Why should the Americans be looking for me?' He then proceeded to hand me over to a Maj. Manfred.

"The Americans told me I would be investigated, but if there was no evidence against me, that I would be released. At the base a lot of soldiers recognized me and asked, 'Why were you brought here, Pedroza?' My reply was that I was there because of the wagging tongues of other Panamanians.

"I had no idea what I was supposed to have done. During the five days I spent there, I was asked if I belonged to a paramilitary organization. I just laughed in their faces. I told them, 'You seized all the documents of the military and police, you have the head

During his reign as WBA featherweight champion, Pedroza greets fans at the Maranon gym. The Panamanian has discovered that politics is a much more dangerous game than boxing.



of G-2 [military intelligence] working with you. He of all people would know if I was involved in any of the paramilitary organizations.'

"Eventually they let me go—there was nothing against me. In fact, we spent a lot of time discussing boxing. The Americans treated me well, and I bear them no resentment. My problem is with the Panamanians; they were the ones to blame for what happened. As an outstanding figure in Panamanian life, I met all kinds of people—and Noriega was one person no one could afford to snub or ignore. I knew Torrijos and many others—including Eduardo Herrera [who attempted to seize power in December 1990]. Noriega had more bad about him than good, but I don't believe in kicking a man when he is down, and certainly not when he cannot defend himself."

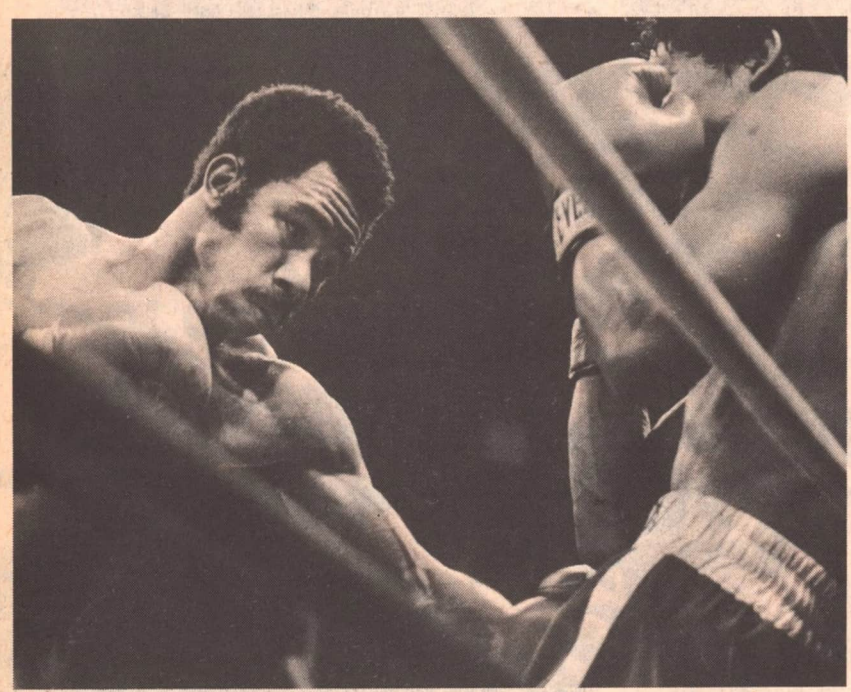
Pedroza twice struggled in distance fights against Rocky Lockridge, who, for their second bout (above), inexplicably scaled only 122½. For Pedroza, Lockridge was easier the second time around.

The past year has been a difficult one for Pedroza. Whatever the truth may be, there are influential Panamanians—members of the government—who for one reason or another still want to see his head on a plate. Even impartial elements among the boxing fraternity recommend caution in dealing with him and warn outsiders not to put too much faith in his statements. You can take nothing at its face value in Panama. The already rampant corruption has reached new heights over the past year—and do not expect the Americans to intervene again.

Pedroza's rise from the slums of the Maranon neighborhood, and his performances as a champion, speak for themselves: He broke the record for consecutive featherweight title defenses, reaching an awesome total of 19 before losing to Barry McGuigan five years ago. He defended in every part of the globe—the United States, Puerto Rico, Japan, New Guinea, South Korea, Italy, Venezuela, and the United Kingdom. His reign was a long one for a champion at any weight—more than seven years.

Despite what the record books say, for many observers the doubts about Pedroza's true class persist. A number of his victories led to official protests and acidic comments by the opposing camps, usually regarding accusations of dirty fighting. The most notorious case involved his defense against Juan LaPorte in January 1982. Howie Albert, LaPorte's manager, claimed to have watched a tape of the fight and recorded more than 50 low blows. LaPorte and Albert were not the first to accuse Pedroza of using elbows, shoulders, and other such tactics.

"I never fought a dirtier fighter," LaPorte said. "I'm not saying the low blows beat me, because I don't think he won the fight. I spent too much time against the ropes because of the punches against my back."



Juan LaPorte found out that when the champion concentrated his attack to the body, his punches often landed low. Pedroza outscored LaPorte in January 1982, despite two point deductions.

At his peak, Pedroza was rated by his countrymen as second in greatness only to Panama Al Brown, the bantamweight legend who lorded over his division from 1929 to 1935. Cognoscenti old enough to remember claim a remarkable physical resemblance between the two champions, both of whom were skinny streaks of fighters who knew how to use their height and reach advantages to the fullest.

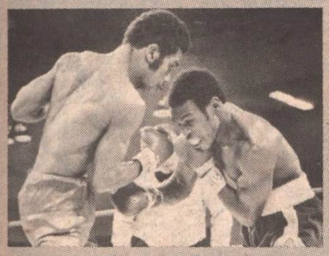
There was perhaps one thing that could have given Pedroza the aura of a truly great champion outside Panama: a victory over Mexico's Salvador Sanchez, the flamboyant WBC titleholder who received enough media attention for the both of them. The two ruling boxing organizations conspired to keep Pedroza and Sanchez apart until the Mexican's tragic death in a car crash put an end to all speculation about the merits of each. Even now, Sanchez is often spoken and written about, while Pedroza is largely ignored.

EUSEBIO PEDROZA: THE RESUME OF A LEGEND

Panama's Pedroza, among the greatest featherweight champions of all time, made a record 19 consecutive successful defenses of the WBA title. The highlights of his career:

•KO by 2 Alfonso Zamora, April 3, 1976, Mexicali, Mexico: Pedroza is overmatched against the 22-year-old WBA bantamweight champion. Zamora, 24-0 (24), keeps his kayo record perfect by dropping the challenger with an overhand right in round two, and then finishing him with his lethal hook. Pedroza lasts just over four minutes.

•KO 13 Cecilio Lastra, April 15, 1978, Panama City, Panama: Ironically, Pedroza, who would become one of boxing's great road warriors, wins the WBA 126-pound crown at home, before 12,000 supporters at the Gymnasio Nuevo Panama. Southpaw Lastra, 26-2 (17), crashes in the third and boxes the rest of the way with a badly swollen eye. Pedroza uses his reach to dominate and scores a 13th-round knockdown before the stoppage.



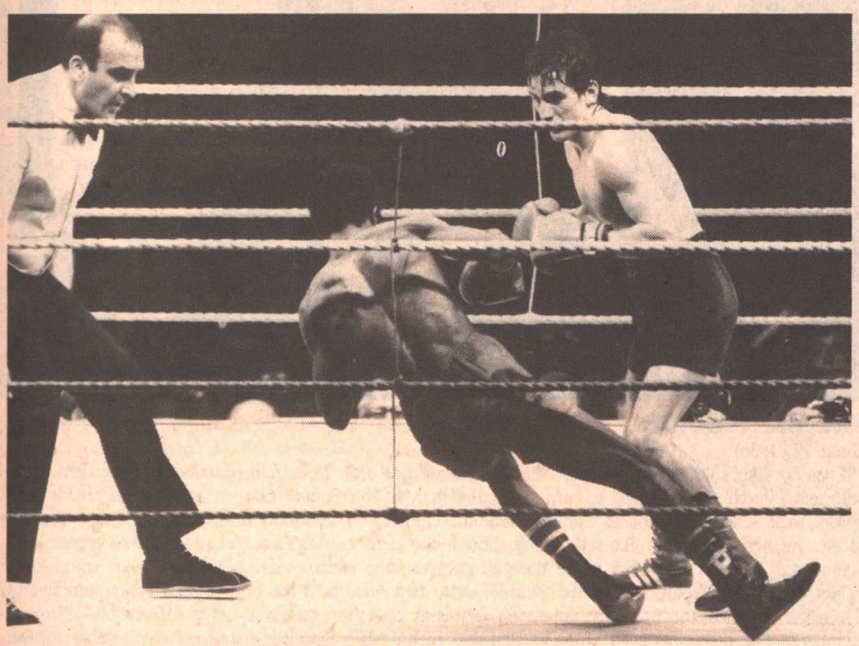
A tough defense vs. Lockridge

•W 15 Rocky Lockridge, October 4, 1980, McAfee, New Jersey: The industrious Lockridge, 16-0 (14), outworks Pedroza over the first 10 rounds and seems on the verge of scoring a huge upset. But the titlist, always at his best during the championship rounds, rallies with a body attack of hooks and uppercuts and pulls out a disputed decision. Scores: 147-141 and a ridiculous 149-139 for Pedroza, and 144-142 for Lockridge.

•W 15 Juan LaPorte, January 24, 1982, Atlantic City, New Jersey: Pedroza's most controversial defense. LaPorte, 19-2 (11), is repeatedly hit low, and Pedroza is penalized twice by referee Guy Jutras. Afterward, LaPorte says, "[Pedroza is] the dirtiest fighter I ever fought." Pedroza, a winner by scores of 144-141, 144-142, and 145-143, answers, "When you're a professional, you don't cry."

•L 15 Barry McGuigan, June 8, 1985, London, England: At age 32, Pedroza lacks the strength to fend off the relentless Irishman, 26-1 (23), who is spurred on by the partisan crowd at the Queens Park Rangers soccer stadium. Pedroza, floored in the eighth and outpointed by scores of 149-139, 147-140, and 148-138, earns more than $1-million, a division record. "Wasn't Pedroza a great champ?" McGuigan asks.

—Steve Farhood



The end of Pedroza's record-setting reign came when Barry McGuigan felled him en route to a unanimous decision victory. Pedroza fought only once after, losing to Edgar Castro.

Boxing historian Hank Kaplan reckons Pedroza would have beaten Sanchez.

"I consider Eusebio Pedroza to have been a far superior fighter to Sanchez," he said. "Salvador Sanchez was a kid who was very highly respected in boxing circles. The things that Sanchez had going for him were his condition, his pride, his confidence, and his stamina. He was a pretty fair boxer; he didn't get hit too much. But when compared to Eusebio Pedroza, I just don't consider him to have been in the same league."

No matter how you recall his record and place in history, Pedroza continues to be an enigma. He possesses that same easy manner, and a ready smile is never far from his lips. His conversation is lucid and convincing—but the warning voices refuse to be silenced: *Don't be taken in by appearances.*

If Pedroza is guilty of serious crimes, why has he not been placed under arrest? And why has he been allowed to travel to the United States three times in recent months to set up his ring return? Perhaps only the passage of time will dispel the nagging doubts.

So what does the future hold? When and if Pedroza returns, his first comeback performance will go a long way to answering that question. Convincing the public that he has what it takes to climb back to the top at 38 is a tall order—should American fight fans even be interested. After all, Pedroza is no George Foreman.

In August 1986, 14 months after losing the title to McGuigan, Pedroza stepped into the ring in Panama against an average Venezuelan, Edgar Castro. Pedroza, who weighed 134½, struggled for nine rounds before being floored in the 10th, an ominous note for the aging former champion. He beat the count, but lost via split decision. That fight 4½ years ago is his last officially recorded ring action. He stands at 38-5-1, with one no decision.

For an old warrior like Pedroza, the United States is a better short-term prospect than his native Panama, where the blood-letting is not over and a lot of old scores remain to be settled. The memory of Gen. Noriega still casts a long shadow—reaching the length of the isthmus, and all the way into the run-down gym in Maranon in which Pedroza first discovered the magic in his fists. ■

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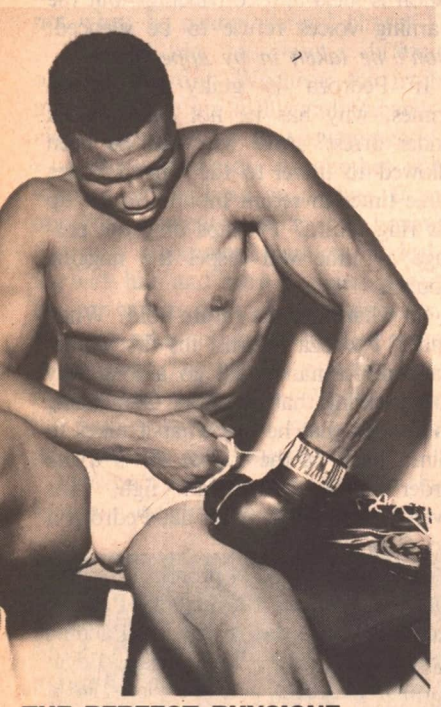


THE PERFECT PHYSIQUE

(May 16, 1961)

Leading heavyweight contender Cleveland "Big Cat" Williams breaks in the gloves he will wear against Alex Miteff later in the evening before a hometown crowd in Houston, Texas. Known for the dynamite he packed in his right fist, Williams' 10-year record bristled with a fantastic knockout percentage. But the Big Cat's awesome power wasn't the only thing that thrilled crowds; his flawless physique was a sight to behold, extracting oohs and aahs from gaping viewers as does Michelangelo's statuesque masterpiece of David in Florence. Williams' 220 pounds was exquisitely proportioned over his 6'4" frame, and the muscular definition appeared to have been molded by Michelangelo himself. And as is the case with David, those fortunate enough to have seen Williams step into a ring during his heyday will never forget the spectacle.

Getting back to the Big Cat's fight with Miteff: The Cat romped to a fifth-round kayo victory.

WHIPPING THE CHAMP

(June 23, 1933)

The day after Barney Ross won the lightweight title from Tony Canzoneri in Chicago, he visited his mother, Sara Rosofsky, in her Chicago home. Hamming it up for the press, the 210-pound Sara bellowed in a strange mixture of Yiddish-Hebrew.

"This you call a champion?" she asked while pointing at her son. "I whipped his behind a lot of times, and I can still do it."

"So let's see you do it, Mamma," yelled an enterprising photographer as he slammed a fresh film pack into his speed graphic camera in anticipation of what was to come.

Mamma happily complied.

"Take off your belt," she ordered her son. The rest of the story is vividly recorded in that photographer's "candid" shot.

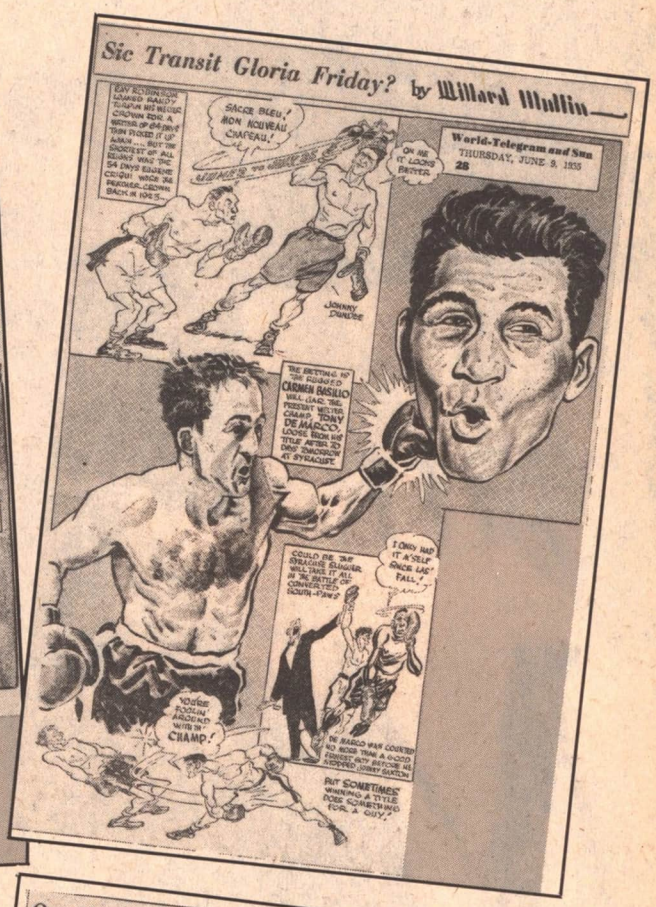
THE BIG PARADE

(June 19, 1936)

Looking like soldiers on parade, Max Schmeling and Joe Louis, surrounded by managers and reporters, march solemn-faced toward the scales in Madison Square Garden at noontime, 10 hours before their scheduled fight at Yankee Stadium. Undefeated sensation Louis was his usual frozen-faced, unemotional, robot-like self, going though the same routines he had practiced so often. But Schmeling? He was supposed to be the guy going to the electric chair. Doomed.

Not so. The perfectly conditioned German, who had once held the heavyweight championship of the world, startled the press by appearing to be as cool and confident as the fearsome "Brown Bomber." The press was even more startled that night, when Schmeling stripped the Bomber of his invincible image by knocking out Joe in the 12th round of what will always remain one of boxing's greatest upsets.

BOXING'S MEMORABLE CARTOONS



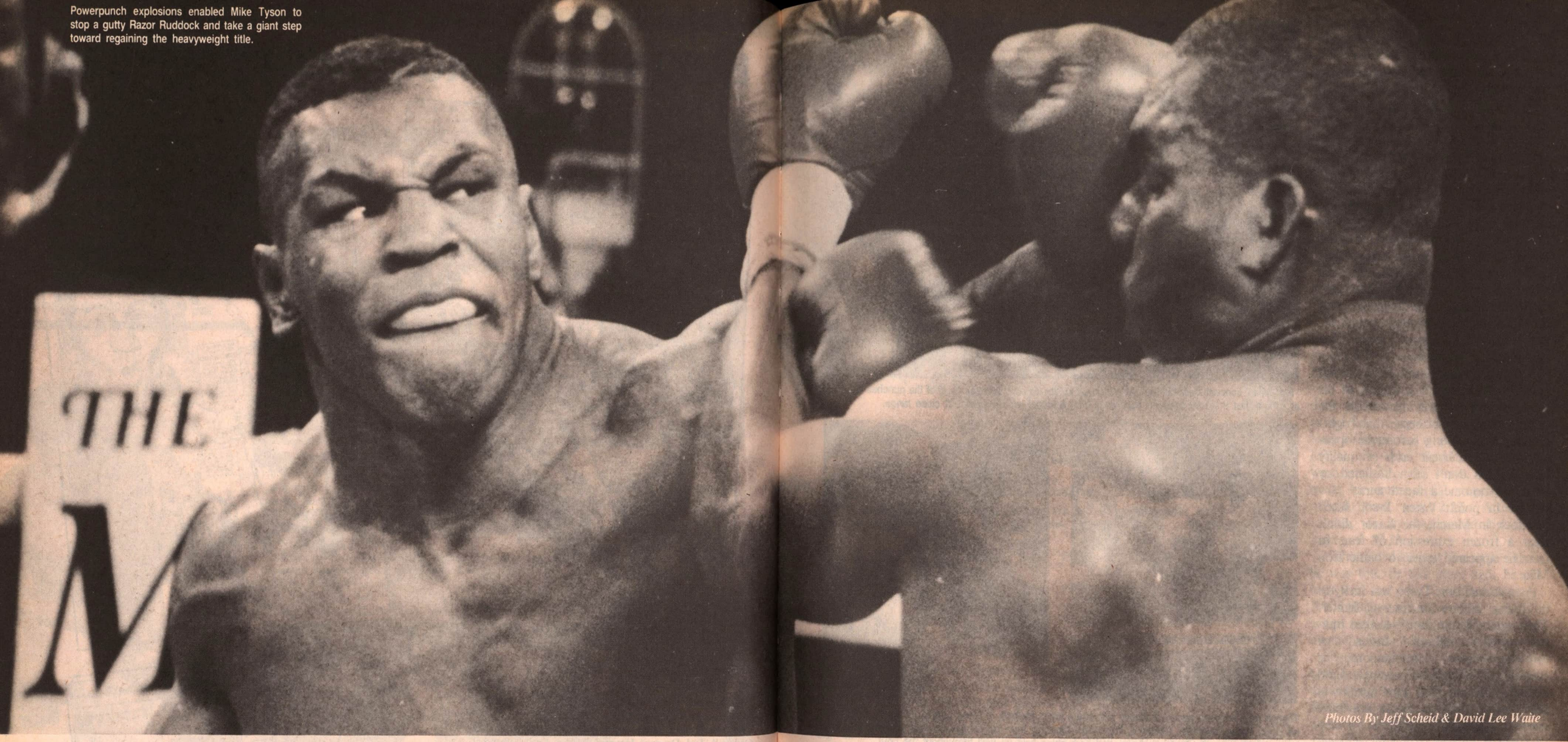
Throughout its long history, boxing has inspired thousands of cartoonists as has no other sport. But of all those aspiring inkwell storytellers, only a handful achieved what can be called "levels of Genius;" Tad Dorgan, Howard Brodie, Carl Hubenthal, Ted Carroll, Hype Igoe, Ed Hughes, Burris Jenkins Jr., and Willard Mullin.

The three cartoons on this page are the work of Mullin, a remarkable talent whose work appeared on page one of the sports section of the *New York World* and later the *New World Telegram & Sun* for more than 40 years. Like all great sports cartoonists, Mullin's magic pen could capture not only dramatic boxing scenes, but also those of every major sport, and he possessed an uncanny instinct to pinpoint the essence of any event he was portraying.

Mullin's cartoon (above) appeared on the day of the Max Baer-Tony Galento fight on July 2, 1940. The huge disparity in their bodies is instantly recognizable, and the maze of captions pokes fun at each fighter's vital parts.

The day before Carmen Basilio defended the welterweight title against Tony DeMarco in Syracuse, New York, on June 10, 1955, Mullin predicted a Basilio kayo with a left hook to the chin, which is just what happened in the 12th round.

More than a month before Rocky Marciano defended the heavyweight crown against Archie Moore on September 21, 1955, Mullin's cartoon showed Marciano down and Moore standing behind him, right fist cocked and ready if Rocky arose (right). Although Mullin was again right on the money, Archie did floor the heavily favored champion, but Rocky climbed to his feet and kayoed Moore in the ninth round. But then again, Mullin had not predicted a Moore victory, just a knockdown.



Powerpunch explosions enabled Mike Tyson to stop a gutty Razor Ruddock and take a giant step toward regaining the heavyweight title.

Photos By Jeff Scheid & David Lee Waite

TYSON'S TITLE HOPES

He Ain't What He Used To Be . . . But It's Not Gonna Matter

By Joseph C. Tintle

When Mike Tyson took his seat at the press conference after his seventh-round stoppage of Razor Ruddock at The Mirage in Las Vegas, he flashed his familiar smirk at the media, then spoke about his opponent.

"I feel sorry for these guys who want to take on a guy like me—the killer of many men," he said.

And for just a moment, the former undisputed heavyweight champion sounded like the Tyson of bygone years, when his rule of the division was clear and absolute, and his arrogance knew no boundaries.

"When I'm right," Tyson added, "*no one* can beat me."

Yep. Same old Mike Tyson.

Or is he?

Five years ago, Tyson was regarded as a boxing prodigy. He was 20 years old and a world champion at an age when fighters like Rocky Marciano and Sonny Liston had yet to fight professionally.

Tyson was knocking out opponents with frightful swiftness, bedazzling ringsiders who paid big money not only to see a knockout, but to witness the cruel method by which he'd dispatch the poor fellow. Tyson's devastating punches came from all angles, and every fight turned into a search-and-destroy mission.

Tyson thrived as he kayoed the likes of Trevor Berbick to win his first crown. After that, he systematically beat his next nine opponents en route to unifying the title. After a 91-second demolition of unbeaten Michael Spinks, observers began rating Tyson with the greatest heavyweights in history.

During those halcyon days, Tyson fought with his hands held high, and in the style that he had been taught by his mentor, Cus D'Amato, and his first pro trainer, Kevin Rooney. To make himself an even more difficult target, he'd move toward an opponent while bobbing and weaving from a crouch. Even a talented fighter like Spinks couldn't get through his defense. Spinks, in fact, threw nine right hands and didn't land one.

But curious things began taking shape around the time of Tyson's February 1989 defense against Frank Bruno. A new Tyson—an undisciplined version—emerged as he pursued Bruno with no regard for his own defense. Against the Englishman, who had 31 knockouts, Tyson fought as if Bruno were a powderpuff hitter. Tyson failed to cover up during many of the exchanges, and what punches he threw were wide and, at times, wild.

So why the change? Before he fought Bruno, Tyson had an eight-month layoff. During that time, he divorced his wife, sued his manager, broke his hand in a street brawl, and fired his trainer.

Teddy Atlas, who trained Tyson as an amateur, believes the distractions contributed heavily to breakdown of the fighter's discipline.

"He hasn't been the same fighter since," Atlas said.

It all came crashing down on "Iron Mike" in February 1990, when Buster Douglas shattered his aura of invincibility in Tokyo. Since then, Tyson has been regarded by many as human, not *super* human. No longer are the top fighters in the heavyweight division unnerved merely by his presence.

Luckily for Tyson, however, the lesser heavyweights remain more than a tad worried. Such fear allowed him to register first-round knockouts over a jittery Henry Tillman and a frightened Alex Stewart. But those bouts told little about the post-Douglas Mike Tyson.

What the fight with Tillman revealed was that Tyson was now throwing misdirected punches and offering, at best, a ragged defense. It was easy to dismiss the fight with Stewart; the New Yorker was so scared that even the Tokyo Tyson could have beaten him.

To Tyson's credit, however, he showed improvement during that fight; his new trainer, Richie Giachetti, had helped with his punching technique. But given the quality of competition, questions still remained.

Although Tyson may regain what he's lost in the technical aspects of his game, he may never reestablish the snarling, ominous presence that frightened opponents long before the opening bell. The current crop of quality heavyweights don't seem bothered by what has become a faded aura.

Case in point: When Tyson faced Ruddock in March, the Razor didn't wear a frozen expression of fear. In fact, he appeared eager to battle Iron Mike.

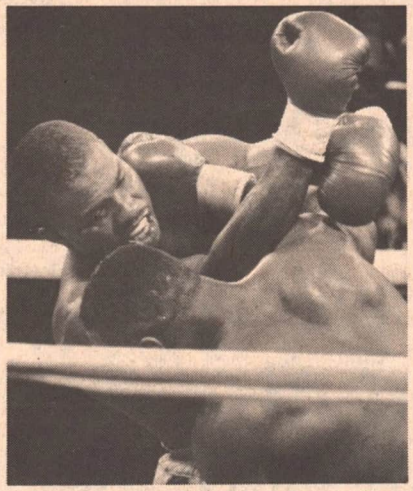
As it turned out, Tyson was lucky to be facing a one-dimensional fighter. Then again, Tyson hardly looked multidimensional himself. Instead of throwing vicious combinations, he cracked off a single left, a single right, a single uppercut. The hand speed was still present, but he might not have needed referee Richard Steele to stop the fight if he had strung his punches together.

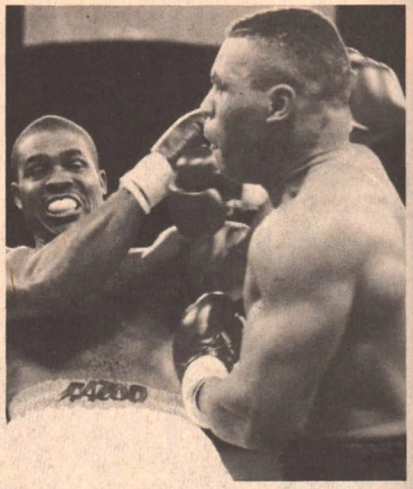
Tyson, who is generously listed as 5'11½," showed his famed ferocity from the opening bell, trading with the 6'3" Ruddock less than a minute into the fight. But as soon as Ruddock established his power with a left uppercut to the chin, Tyson tempered his aggression.

"You notice that he didn't rush me after that," said Ruddock, who is 25-2-1 (18). "When you jab and move, Tyson thinks you're scared. You've got to stand and fight, and get his respect."

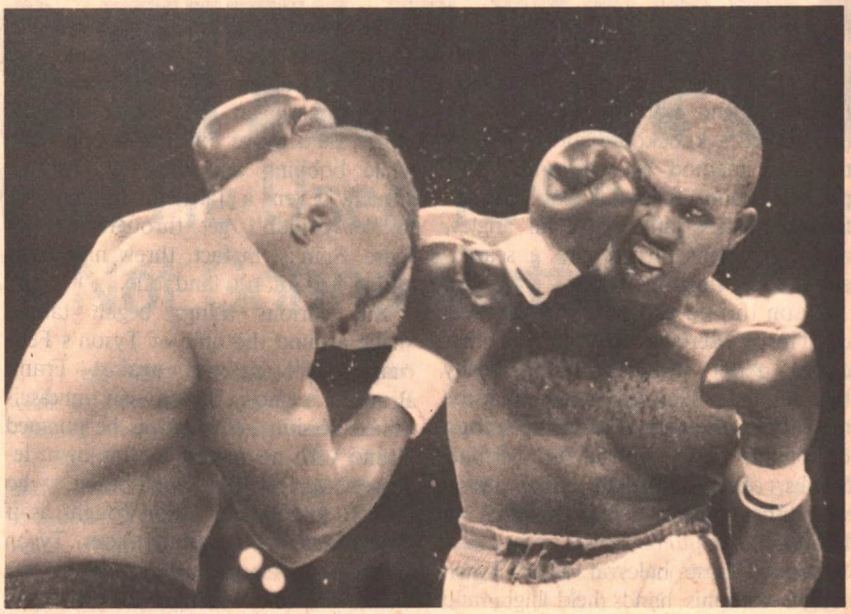
Ruddock did precisely that, but was nevertheless dropped in rounds two and three. The second-round knockdown came when Tyson hit Ruddock on the right elbow, and Ruddock tripped over Tyson's foot. The knockdown in round three was more legiti-

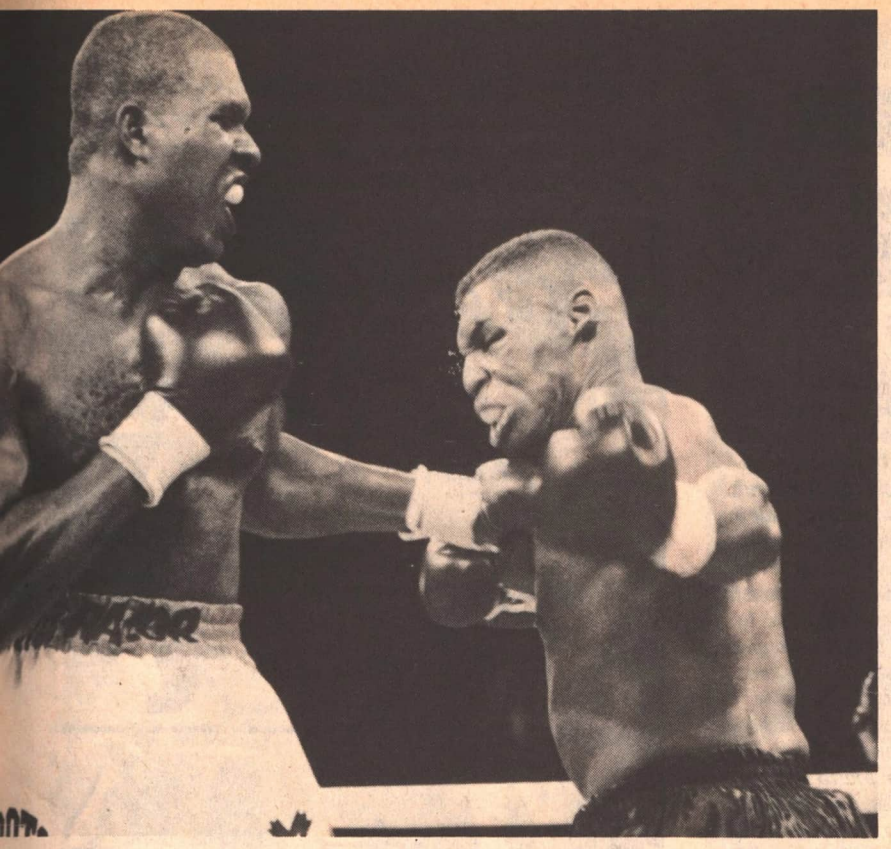
"Iron Mike" concentrated much of his attack to Ruddock's body (above). Most of the punches came one at a time, but they did seem to have an effect; Ruddock was impotent at close range.





Though he's firing an uppercut (above left) and a cross (below) in these photos, Ruddock rarely used his right. Tyson, however, frequently had Razor flinching from his dangerous right (above right). Both heavyweights scored with hard blows, and both chins held up well throughout the bout.





Tyson-Ruddock featured brutality and ferocity, as this trade of hooks suggests. Ruddock landed first, above, but in most exchanges, Tyson's hand speed, his most underrated tool, was far superior.

mate. A solid counter hook to the chin sent Ruddock tumbling on his backside.

"Mike may have technically had two knockdowns, but he's not the fighter he was a few years ago," Atlas concluded. "Back then, he'd put three, four, and five punches together to overwhelm his opponents. But against Ruddock, and even Tillman and Stewart, Mike just cranked up and fired the big single punches. And though he eventually stopped all three, that wasn't the way he used to approach his fights. When he got a guy in trouble, he swarmed all over him, then finished him off."

Tyson captured the early rounds against Ruddock with a devastating body attack, but his methods infuriated Giachetti, who repeatedly pleaded with his fighter to stay with the fight plan.

"Listen to me," he said to Tyson between the fourth and fifth rounds, "you're falling asleep a little bit. Work off the jab and keep to your game plan. Quit looking for one goddamn punch. I want you to slip and move and work off that jab."

Willing to oblige Giachetti, Tyson, 40-1 (36), charged out. But after Ruddock, 25-2-1 (18), landed a hook to the head, Tyson reverted to throwing one punch at a time.

"That's another difference you see in the Mike Tyson of today," Atlas said. "He doesn't listen to his corner. When he was younger, he was eager to learn. He hadn't yet reached the pinnacle of his success. I'm not saying Mike doesn't agree with what Richie Giachetti is telling him. I'm sure he knows that the advice is sound. But once Mike is back in the fight, he's not able to mount the discipline he needs during that time of stress, so he's incapable of demonstrating that movement and technical expertise that Richie wanted him to establish.

"But he's got to discipline his emotions during those moments if he hopes to become the fighter he once was. Look, it's hard to throw combinations of four and five punches. But it's a lot harder if you only throw one punch at a time and the fight drags on and on. That's more tiring—and dangerous—in the end because it gives your opponent a chance to come back at you."

And what has become of Tyson's head and upper body movement? Perhaps he was afraid that such movement might have put him in direct line with Ruddock's only weapon, a sweeping hybrid left hook/uppercut, which he calls the "smash." By keeping still, perhaps Tyson was able to anticipate when Ruddock was to unleash his lethal punch, then escape.

Tyson indeed avoided most of Ruddock's lefts, but Ruddock landed often in round six, when he got off several big shots. At one point, Tyson tapped his chin as if to invite more punches. Ruddock obliged and landed a sneaky right. But Tyson withstood the barrage at The Mirage.

Although Tyson may not be the fighter he was in the late-'80s, he has proven the quality of his chin. When Ruddock landed his big blows in round six, Iron Mike withstood their concussive force without wobbling. He later said the punches reminded him of "a f____ mule kick."

"Oh, my God, he punched so hard," Tyson added. "A couple of times he hurt me, but when I'm right, my chin is like concrete."

A round later, Tyson banged Ruddock with a right to the body, a hook to the jaw, a right-left that curled behind his opponent's head, and a right-left to the chin. Ruddock fell backward and into the ropes, and Steele made his controversial stoppage. The official time was 2:22. After six rounds, Tyson was ahead by three scores of 59-53.

"Though Mike isn't the same fighter he was four or five years ago, he did look trim and very honed," Atlas said. "And that's good to see. But now he's got to work more on his technique and mental approach to fighting."

Tyson may not have been at his best, but he showed that he could beat the number two man on the planet. And having beaten Ruddock handily, it seems likely that he'll be able to beat anyone in the top 10. He's surely retained the hand speed and power to put away the highest level of competition. And his vast experience will allow him to cut through the likes of upstarts like Riddick Bowe, Ray Mercer, and Tommy Morrison.

Although he doesn't have to recreate the Mike Tyson of old to regain the title, it would behoove the former champion to study tapes of his earlier fights and try to recapture some semblance of the style that placed him atop his division at such a tender age.

But even if he doesn't, he has the skills and style to rid the ring of those in his way.

"If I'm properly prepared physically," Tyson said, "there's no problem. If I train hard, all my fights will be easy."

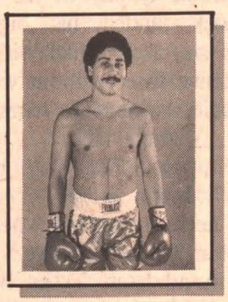
It sounds like Mike Tyson will rule the heavyweights again. ■

BATTLE OF THE LEGENDS

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

Wilfredo Gomez

Las Monjas, Puerto Rico
Career: 1974-1986; 1988-1989
44-3-1 with 42 kayos



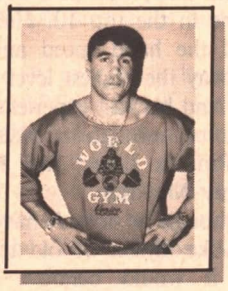
An educated boxer and bonebreaking puncher, the triple-crown champion peaked during his dominant reign at 122 pounds. He won the WBC title in his 17th fight, halting Dong Kyun Yum in May 1977. Seventeen successful defenses followed (all by kayo), including stoppages of outstanding bantamweight champions Carlos Zarate and Lupe Pintor.

Gomez was unbeaten in 33 bouts when he failed in his first try at the featherweight crown, falling to Salvador Sanchez in August 1981. But in March 1984, he easily outpointed Juan LaPorte to take the WBC title. One year later, he benefited from a bad decision and captured Rocky Lockridge's WBA junior lightweight title. At both 126 and 130 pounds, he was beaten in his first defense, losing to Azumah Nelson and Alfredo Layne, respectively.

In all, Gomez faced 12 world champions and defeated nine of them. At his best in the late-'70s, he was among the best boxers of his era.

Jeff Fenech

Sydney, Australia
Career: 1984-Present
25-0 with 19 kayos

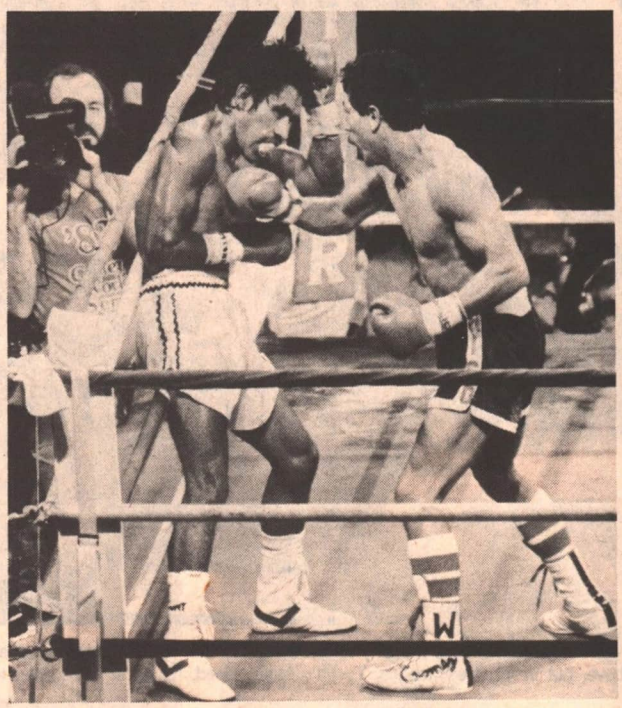


Like Gomez, Fenech is a triple-crown champion. (He is scheduled to try for a fourth title when he faces WBC super featherweight champion Azumah Nelson.) The 26-year-old national hero, however, seems to be nearing the end; his surgically repaired hands remain chronically sore.

After a disappointing loss in the 1984 Olympics, Fenech, a tireless and physically overpowering pressure fighter, began a reign of destruction. In only his seventh bout, he won the WBC bantamweight title with a kayo of Satoshi Shingaki in April 1985. He made three defenses, then jumped to junior featherweight and took the WBC crown with a stoppage of Samart Payakarun in May 1987. After two defenses, he jumped again and won the vacant WBC featherweight title, knocking out Victor Callejas in March 1988. After his third defense, vs. Marcos Villasana, he retired because of the pain in his hands. But he returned seven months later.

Fenech has fought only once in the last 16 months.

Fight fans will forever debate the merits of champions who never met in the ring. In "Battle Of The Legends," the editors of THE RING play matchmaker and pit two of the all-time greats against each other. Three experts serve as judges. If there are particular dream matches that you'd like to see featured, please write to us.



Gomez' most thrilling title defense came against bantamweight king Lupe Pintor. The punchers traded muscle until Pintor wilted in the 14th round.

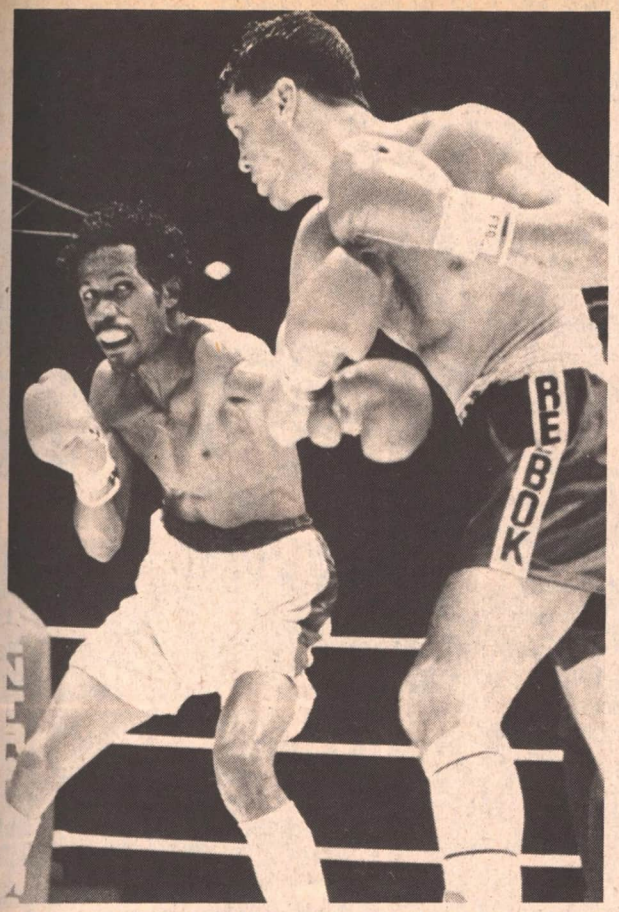
TIM RYAN

It's an interesting matchup. I would give Gomez the edge in overall skills. He had many title defenses, and he fought and beat different types of fighters. He could box, he was patient, and he was an excellent puncher in his own right.

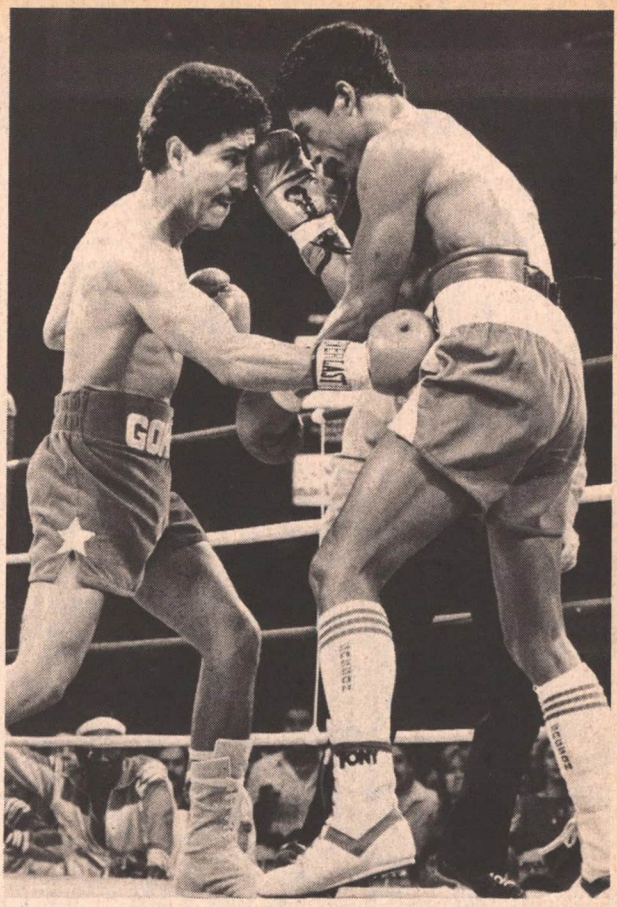
Fenech is a straight-ahead fighter. He has one gear, full speed ahead all the time. He's a miniature Mike Tyson. He goes after his opponent from the opening bell. Fenech cuts off the ring well and makes the other guy fight. And he's not just a brawler; he has a better jab than most people give him credit for.

I see Fenech coming out and taking the fight straight to Gomez. It would be an action-packed bout. Fenech would do well early, but Gomez would come on in the middle rounds. Gomez would stay away from a toe-to-toe confrontation, which is Fenech's strength. That's when his superior boxing skills and experience would start to take over. Gomez would start to take the offensive and land his own powerpunches and wear Fenech down. I see the fight being stopped in the late rounds, with Gomez winning by TKO.

Tim Ryan is the blow-by-blow announcer for CBS.



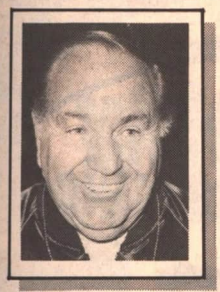
Triple-crown champion Fenech kayoed Greg Richardson in the fifth round of a 122-pound defense. Richardson went on to win the bantam title.



Gomez compiled an awesome kayo percentage of .955. One of the few foes he couldn't kayo was compatriot Juan LaPorte, who lasted 12 rounds.

JAY EDSON

This would be an exciting fight from the first round. Gomez was a good boxer who punched hard and had an awkward style. But at junior featherweight, Fenech had more guns. Fenech is very underestimated as a technician. I've seen the guy up close, and he's very good. And he's got a great chin. He gets hit, but he continues to attack, which is very discouraging for the opponent.



Fenech would make the fight. He would apply pressure and throw punches from the start. Gomez would answer, and it would be an even match for about five rounds. But Fenech's constant pressure would eventually take Gomez out of his game.

I don't think Gomez' awkwardness would give Fenech much of a problem. Gomez' style would be made to order. With his constant pressure, Fenech would dominate whether they fought in the center of the ring, on the ropes, or in a corner. I doubt that Gomez could take the punishment that Fenech would dish out. I don't think he'd knock Gomez out, but Fenech's volume of punches would overwhelm Gomez. Fenech by one-sided decision.

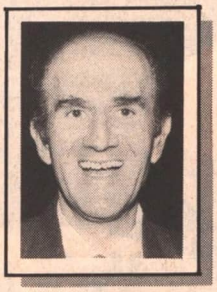
Jay Edson is the fight coordinator for Top Rank and a former championship referee. In August 1985, he worked the Fenech-Satoshi Shingaki title fight.

HAROLD LEDERMAN

This would be an exciting fight, but I don't see it lasting long. Fenech doesn't make anything but exciting fights. He's strong, he stays busy, and he's as gutsy as they come. He has more heart than any fighter active today. And his chin is great. I've seen him get hit with tremendous shots and just shake them off, which is disheartening to his opponents.

Gomez in his prime was stupendous. He was a vicious right-handed puncher. He threw fast, hard, accurate combinations. He was a real stylist.

As always, Fenech would come out like a freight train. But his style would be made to order for Gomez. Gomez would



neutralize Fenech's pressure with movement and hard combinations. Gomez could land his right all night because Fenech would be right there to hit. Even with his tremendous chin, I don't think Fenech could brush off the amount of punches that Gomez would hit him with. Asking a bantamweight to do that would be like asking a heavyweight to take Mike Tyson's best punches round after round.

As much as I love Fenech, Gomez stood head and shoulders above all the other bantamweights that I saw. Gomez in five.

Harold Lederman is a veteran fight judge who has scored title fights of both Fenech and Gomez.

By Robert Cassidy

On the toughest streetcorners of the world, freedom of speech is not a right reserved for everyone. More often than not, it is something that must be earned. Even in a democratic society such as South Korea, the freedom to speak one's mind doesn't necessarily come easy. It's even more difficult when, as a full-grown adult, you only measure 5'4". So imagine the problems diminutive Myung Woo Yuh encountered as a youth. To be heard, he not only had to rise above stronger voices, but also stronger bodies. Yuh learned to fight just so he could speak his piece.

That was when Yuh (pronounced *you*) was a teenager still searching for an identity. These days, it's unlikely that anyone in his native South Korea hasn't heard of him. But now, Yuh speaks mainly with his fists.

Yuh is 35-0 (13) and has firmly held the WBA junior flyweight title for six years. He became champion by decisioning Joey Olivo in December 1985, and has defended the title 16 times. Among active champions, he shares the record for most successful defenses with WBA junior bantamweight champion Khaosai Galaxy.

Unlike Galaxy, who, at 115 pounds, is known as the "Thai Tyson," Yuh is a stylist. After five amateur fights, of which he lost one, he turned pro at age 18 and has diligently mastered his craft over a 10-year professional career.

"Yuh is a technician," said his trainer, Kim Jin Kil. "He is a clever fighter."

To the frustration of action-seeking Korean fight fans, Yuh cleverly outboxed 13 opponents before scoring his first knockout. He decisioned future IBF flyweight champion Bi Won Chung and kayoed contender Oh Kong Son, but managed only four knockouts in his first 18 fights.

The power shortage would not be the only weakness slowing Yuh's progress. He won the title when compatriot Jung Koo Chang, the former WBC light flyweight champion, was in the midst of a five-year title reign. The beloved Chang made 15 successful defenses and held the record for most 108-pound defenses. (Yuh broke it last year.) Until Chang vacated the title in 1988, Yuh was considered by South Koreans as "the second world champion." Today, Yuh is clearly the premier boxing celebrity in his country, earning an average of $150,000 per defense (most of which he gives to his parents).

"He's very popular," said New Jersey-based referee Rudy Battle, who has worked two of Yuh's title defenses in South Korea. "They show their champions overwhelming support. The atmosphere in the arena when he is fighting is electrifying."

Further ingratiating himself to his now-adoring fans, Yuh has scored five knockouts in his last eight fights.

"He's a very strong fighter," Battle said. "I'd consider him a boxer-puncher with tenacious characteristics. He is an intensely focused individual and he has all the traits of a true champion."

The closest anyone has come to upsetting Yuh was when former WBA minimumweight champion Leo Gamez lost a split decision last April in Seoul. In the rematch in November, Yuh asserted his dominance by winning a clear unanimous decision. Gamez, who bled from the second round after an

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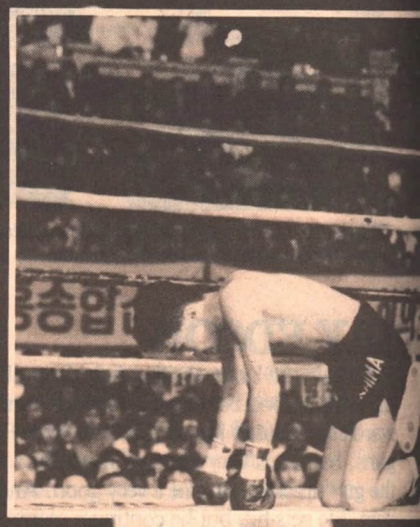
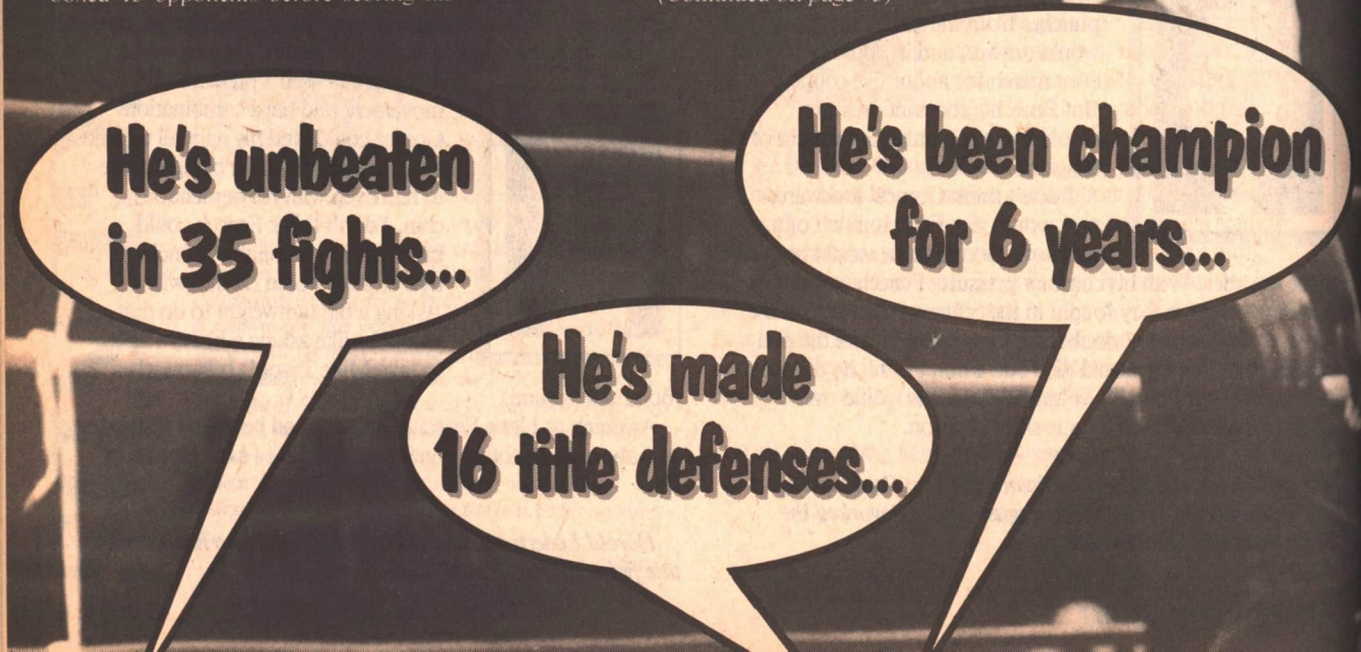
Yuh jabs vs. Japan's Hisashi Tokushima

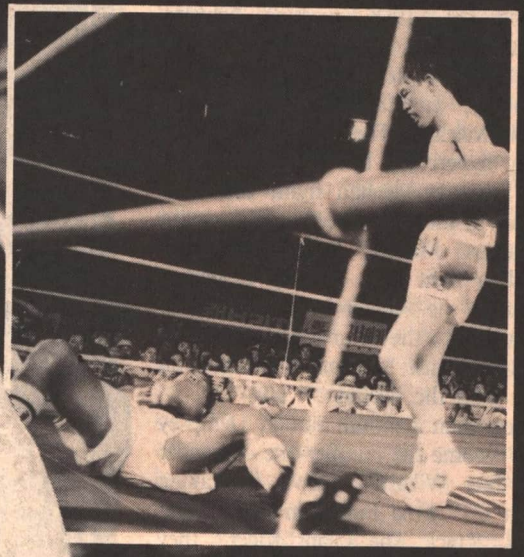
Tokushima falls in the seventh round





A demanding defense against Leo Gamez

Thailand's Putt Ohyuthanakorn crashes in six



WHO IS HE?

MYUNG WOO YUH, THAT'S WHO

WILLIE MEEHAN: THE FAT BOY WHO BEAT DEMPSEY

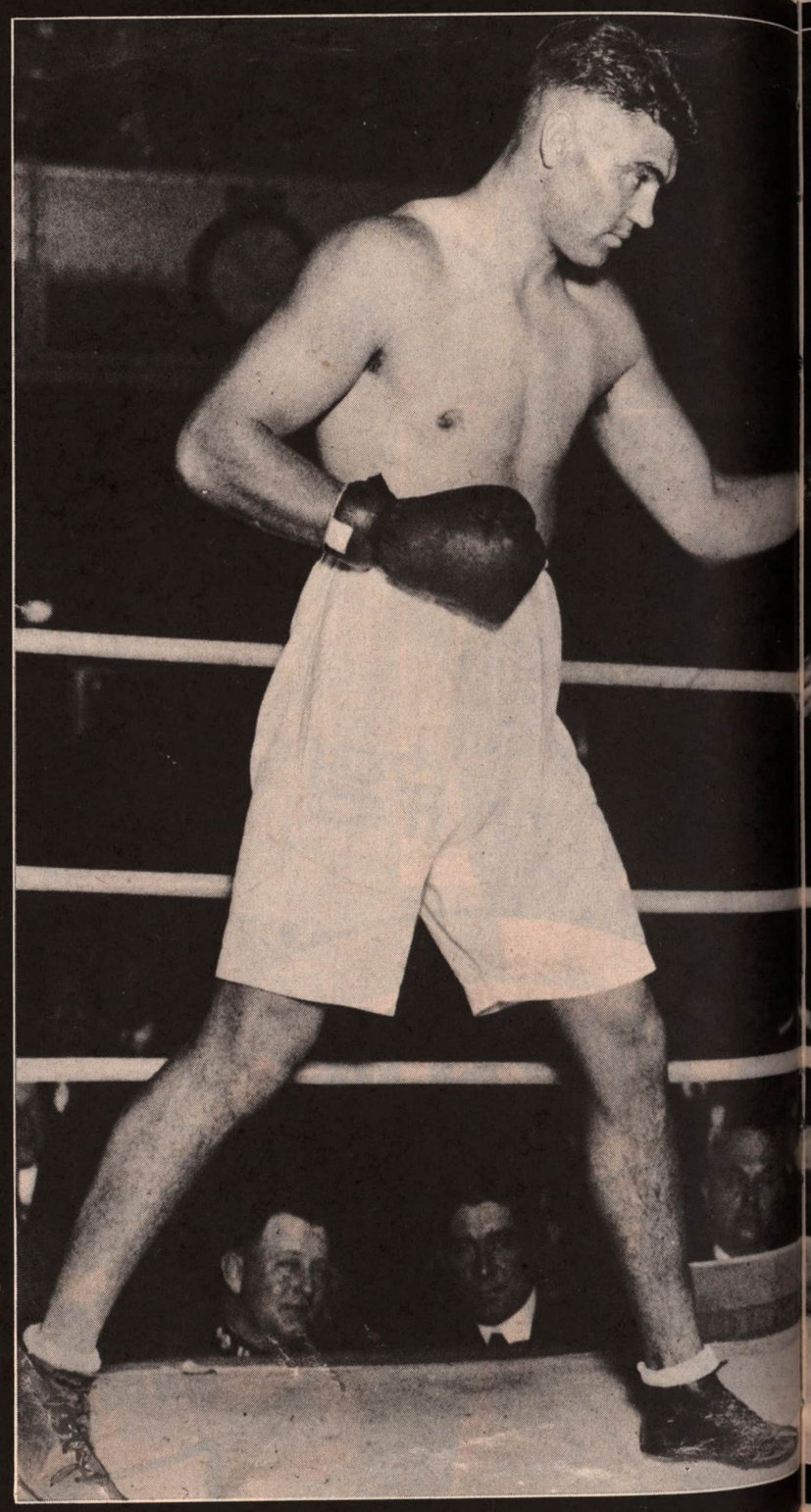
By Peter Ehrmann

Perhaps nobody in ring history provided more heart-stopping thrills than Jack Dempsey. The savagery and controversy of his fights with Jess Willard, Georges Carpentier, Luis Firpo, and Gene Tunney still resonate more than six decades after they gripped the attention of the world. But not so well-recalled is a Dempsey fight so stunning that it even knocked a whole world war off the front pages.

"One of the most famous naval engagements of the [First World] War," is what the newspapers called the September 14, 1918, meeting between Dempsey, then riding a crest toward the heavyweight title, and a squat, blubbery, cauliflowered pug named Willie Meehan. The sportswriters were being hyperbolic, but only a little, for the Dempsey-Meehan fight, conceived as just a means of keeping the young "Manassa Mauler" loose for an impending fight with Battling Levinsky, became the center of controversy throughout the war-weary country. That's because Meehan, a jukebox on feet, won the decision.

Less than a month earlier, Dempsey had become the number-one contender for Jess Willard's crown by taking apart 6'7" Fred Fulton in just 18 seconds. "Jack The Giant Killer" they called him after that, and when he entered the ring with Meehan in the San Francisco Civic Center to fight a four-round bout for the benefit of the U.S. Army and Navy Physical Education Fund, it was considered the biggest mismatch in the Bay City since San Francisco lost to the earthquake.

Trouble was, Willie was no giant, at least not lengthwise. Born on Christmas Day in 1893, Meehan, whose real name was Eugene Walcott, had grown up to resemble Santa Claus. While Dempsey had picked up several ferocious ring nicknames, Willie's was "Fat Boy." He had actually started his boxing career in 1909 as a flyweight, but within a year had grown into a featherweight and then ascended through all of the other divisions until



Dempsey squares off with the short, rounded Meehan before their famous California four-rounder in 1918. Referee Eddie Graney looks on.

he was a 5'9" heavyweight. Awkward and slow, Willie was not without durability, and nobody (including Jack Dempsey in two previous encounters, one a Dempsey win on points, the other a draw) had knocked him out.

At the time of their third meeting, the Fat Boy was a member of the U.S. Navy, teaching boxing to recruits at the Naval Reserve Training Station at San Pedro, California. A lot of fighters pulled similar light duty in the war, but Dempsey was not in the service at all and later would be acquitted of charges that he was a "slacker."

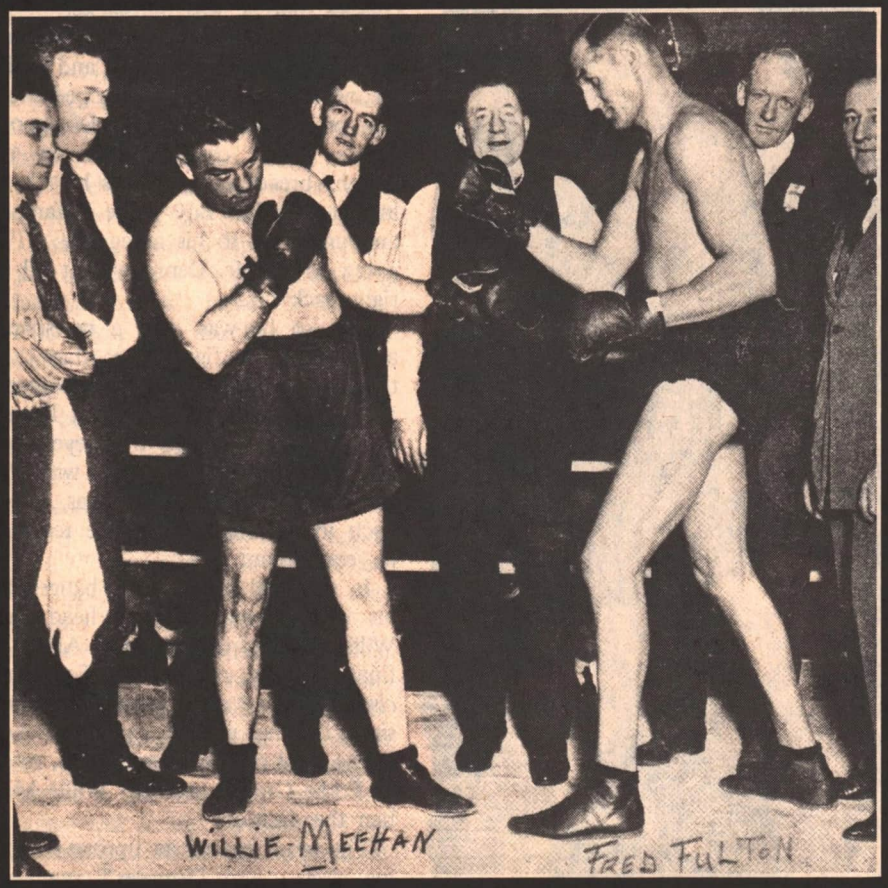
Boxing matches in California then were limited to four rounds, and in the second round, Dempsey dumped Meehan on the canvas with a left hook. Jack's punch caught Willie in his doughy breadbasket, and as he felt its impact, the Fat Boy made a famous announcement to his antagonist: "I'm going down, Mr. Dempsey, but I'll be right back up."

And so he was, and a newspaper account of the fight states that "the third round found Willie fully recuperated . . . and he fairly tore at Dempsey, swinging his arms from every angle. He startled Dempsey with his comeback, and the latter was forced back to the ropes before he regained his equilibrium."

In the final round, Jack banged up his left fist on Meehan's head, and Willie resumed the initiative. After the final bell rang, reported the *San Francisco Bulletin,* "amid the wildest enthusiasm that has greeted a pair of boxers in the local ring in several years, referee Eddie Graney awarded Willie Meehan the decision . . . "

The result caused an uproar in boxing circles, and Dempsey's manager, Jack "Doc" Kearns, howled the loudest, although the debacle was largely his fault, since so confident had he been of a Dempsey knockout victory that he had let pass a chance beforehand to make the fight a no-decision affair. Thanks to Graney's poor judgment, railed Kearns, Dempsey's reputation as a coming champion had suffered a crippling blow. (So had Jack's

During World War I, Meehan taught boxing in the Navy (above left). While employed in a grocery after his retirement (above right), did Willie eat the profits? Squaring off with huge Fred Fulton in 1918 (below).



left hand, and his fight with Levinsky was cancelled.)

When word of Kearns' tantrum reached referee Graney, he discerned something downright unpatriotic, if not even seditious, in it.

"All the boys who boxed last Friday night," he said in a statement issued to the press, "were expected to forget all about themselves and their professional futures and give their services freely and wholeheartedly to a benefit intended to make the men of the U.S. Army and Navy more physically fit to fight their country's battles. Yet, in spite of this, it is now stated that by reason of the decision against Dempsey, he has lost his chances to make money as the man who has the best claim to a championship contest.

"But what about Meehan? He enlisted in the Navy when his country called him, and he will go on, cheerfully facing death daily at $35 per month. All that he takes from his victory over Dempsey is the glory of it and the memory of the applause of 10,000 people that followed him from the ring. Lion-hearted men like Willie Meehan are winning the fight for the liberty of the world today—and without such men the fight could not be won."

That sounded good to Willie, even though the closest he had ever come to "cheerfully facing death" in the line of duty was when an overenthusiastic swabbie got too boisterous during a lesson with the gloves. In no time, the Fat Boy's photograph, in full Navy dress and with two black eyes, blossomed in newspapers everywhere, accompanied by the announcement of his newest fighting ambition:

"Having polished off the toughest of 'em on this side of the water," read the caption, "he wants to go after the meanest of them all on the other side. 'Now,' he says, 'let me get a crack at the Kaiser!' "

However, Fat Willie and Kaiser Bill never did come to scratch. In fact, the closest Meehan got to the war in Europe was Minneapolis, where a couple of weeks after the Dempsey fight he showed up to start a vaudeville tour. (This was typical of the boxers of that era, who would rake in heavy sheckels between ring engagements by sparring a few rounds in theaters and favoring audiences with speeches about the virtues of clean living.)

Willie's sudden reputation as a heavyweight phenomenon brought out big audiences, but they went home scratching their heads in puzzlement at his win over the great Dempsey. Said one newspaper account after Willie's opening sparring matinee with Kid Mc-

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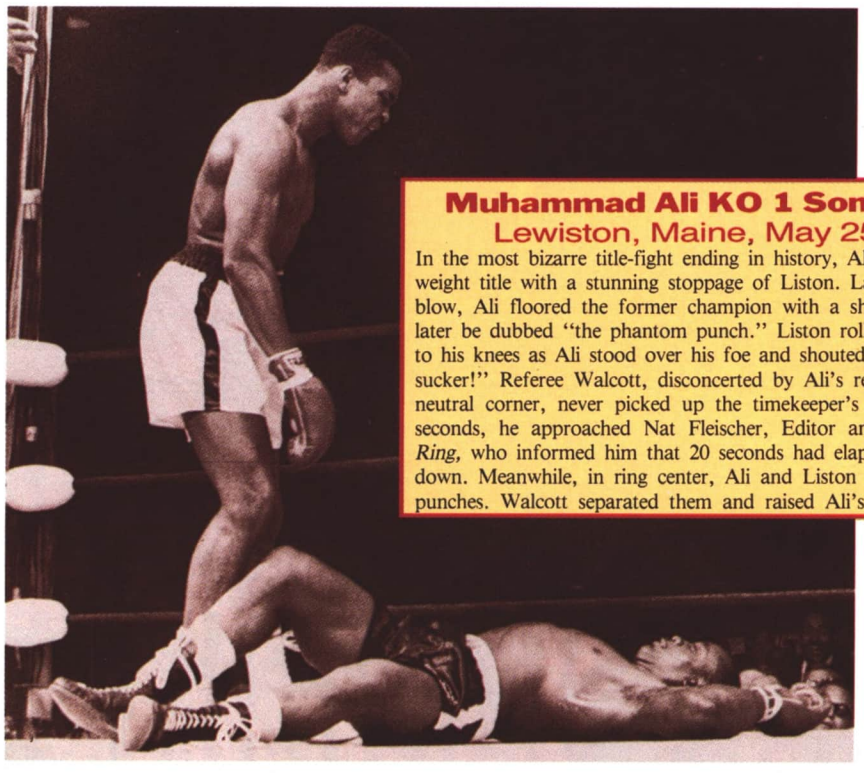
CONTROVERSIAL STOPPAGES

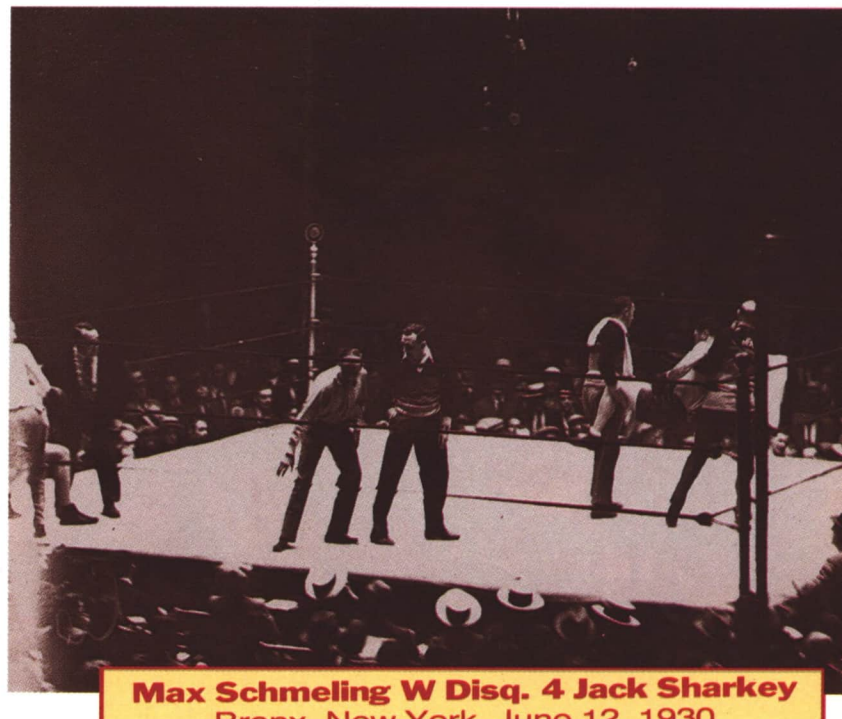
Mike Tyson KO 7 Razor Ruddock
Las Vegas, Nevada, March 18, 1991

Richard Steele, veteran of 85 title fights and regarded as the best referee in boxing, intervened after Tyson staggered Ruddock with a combination in a 12-round title elimination bout at The Mirage. Ruddock, clear-eyed and seemingly able to fight on, looked on incredulously as Steele waved the fight over. A ring brawl followed involving Ruddock's brother Delroy, promoter Murad Muahmmad, and Richie Giachetti, Tyson's trainer. Luckily for all concerned, the fighters remained uninvolved.



Muhammad Ali KO 1 Sonny Liston
Lewiston, Maine, May 25, 1965

In the most bizarre title-fight ending in history, Ali retained the heavyweight title with a stunning stoppage of Liston. Landing only his third blow, Ali floored the former champion with a short right that would later be dubbed "the phantom punch." Liston rolled over and climbed to his knees as Ali stood over his foe and shouted, "Get up and fight, sucker!" Referee Walcott, disconcerted by Ali's refusal to retreat to a neutral corner, never picked up the timekeeper's count. After several seconds, he approached Nat Fleischer, Editor and Publisher of *The Ring,* who informed him that 20 seconds had elapsed since the knockdown. Meanwhile, in ring center, Ali and Liston had resumed trading punches. Walcott separated them and raised Ali's hand in triumph.



Max Schmeling W Disq. 4 Jack Sharkey
Bronx, New York, June 12, 1930

For the first and only time in history, a heavyweight champion was crowned while flat on his back. Clashing for the throne vacated by Gene Tunney, Schmeling and Sharkey met at Yankee Stadium. Sharkey easily outboxed the German for three rounds, but in the fourth, a stray left struck south, and Schmeling writhed in agony. After a long delay, during which Joe Jacobs, Schmeling's manager, insisted that his fighter had been hideously fouled, referee Jim Crowley awarded Schmeling the title. (In the photo, at the near ropes, Jacobs confronts Crowley, while in ring center, Schmeling is carried to his corner.)

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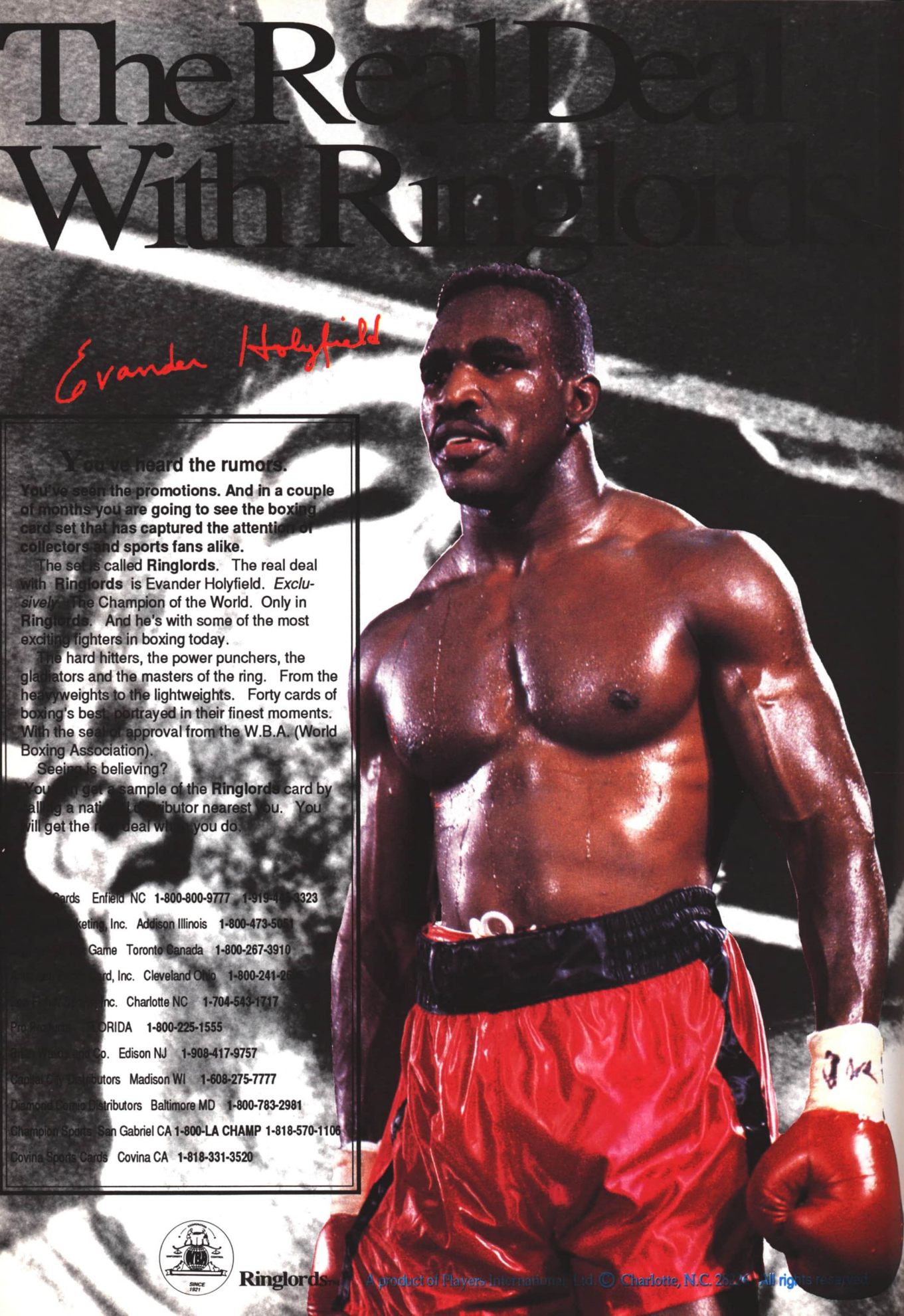

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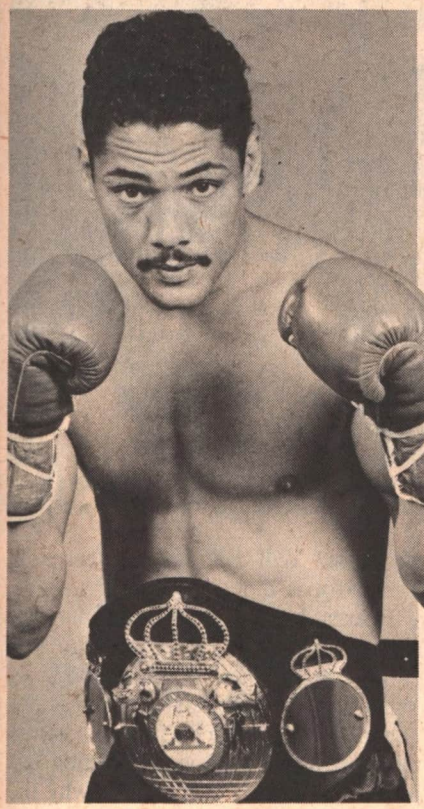
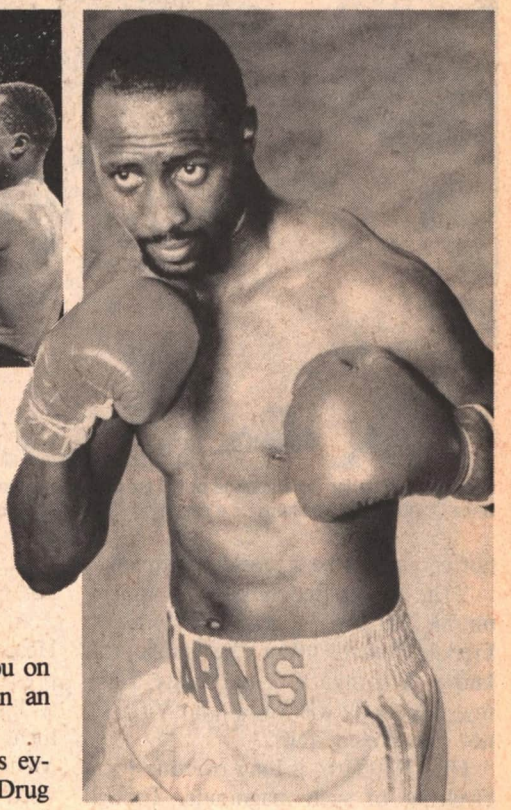
WILL HILL DO TO HEARNS AS NORRIS DID TO LEONARD?



Terry Norris made Ray Leonard feel real old (above). Will Virgil Hill (left) do the same to Thomas Hearns (right)?



By Jeff Ryan

When it gets to the point that his favorite corner is no longer one with a Budweiser turnbuckle in it, Thomas Hearns says he's heading straight for the corner of Hollywood and Vine in search of a script. Virgil Hill is a guy who already looks like a movie star. He's been advised to follow the signs to Tinsel Town, too, so that one day, whenever people talk about the Hollywood Hills, it'll be taken for granted that they're referring to Virgil and the missus.

There's no mystery about the kinds of films Hill and Hearns would make. Just look at the way they play the *small* screen. For some of his stylistic performances in defending the WBA light heavyweight crown, Hill could have been honored by The Academy Of Boxing Arts & Sciences. Hearns, on the other hand, is a lock for its blood-and-guts lifetime achievement award. Hill's dramas could use subtitles to make the viewers aware of the nuances of his body language, while Hearns' work is so sure to have you on your feet that you can watch it in an unfurnished apartment.

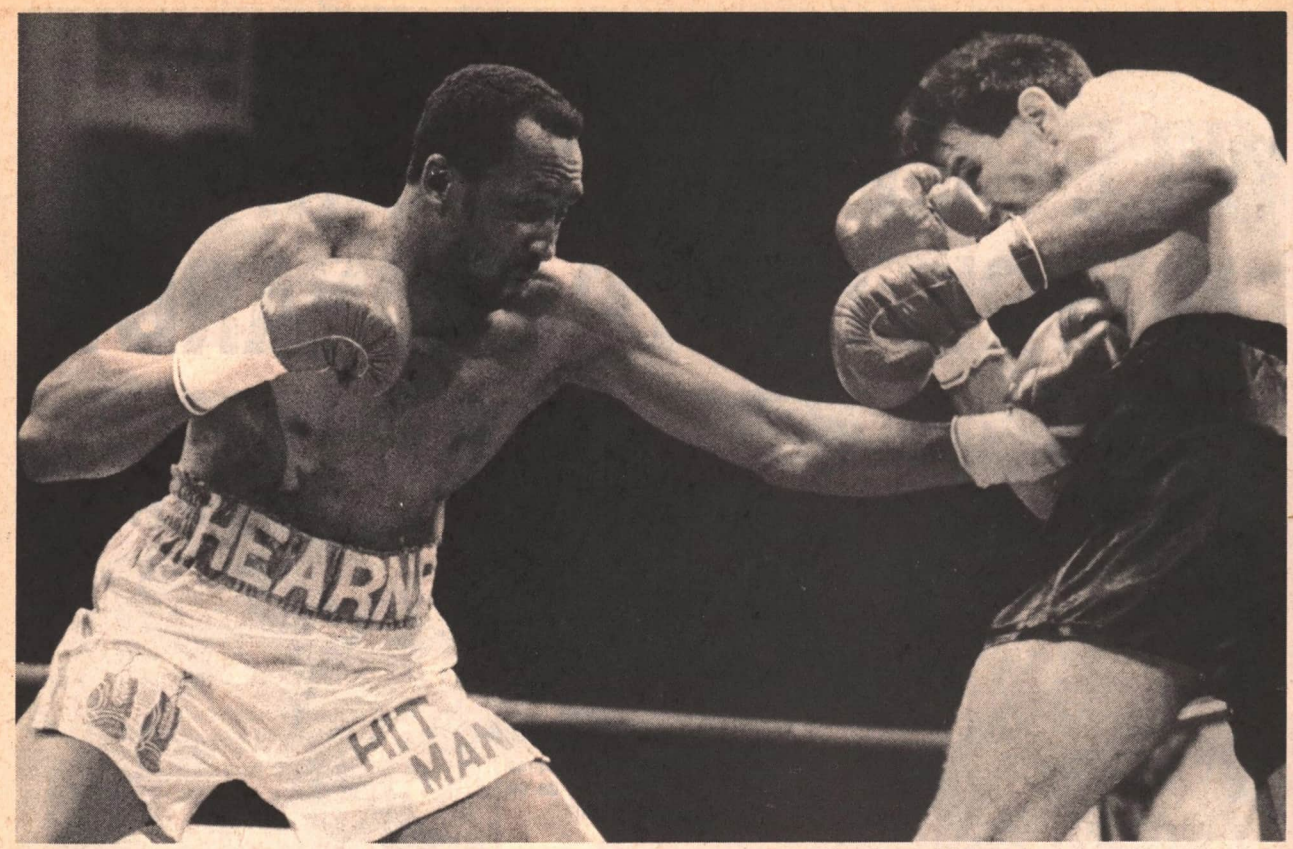
But neither one of these guys is eying a counter stool at Schwabb's Drug Store just yet. First, they have to meet at Caesars Palace on June 3 in a Las Vegas Strip show that provides both warriors with a more dangerous crossroads than Sunset and La Cienega at rush hour. It's a fight that could send the loser to la-la land in more ways than one.

For Hearns, a four-division titlist and a boxing goodfella, the objective is to demonstrate that he's not a ghost of an all-time great, but still the powerhitters' godfather. In recent years, he's been sending us postcards from the edge of retirement, but he's somehow managed to remain one of the grifters of the sport, conning Father Time into giving him another chance. And then another. And then one more.

Hill, who has been as dull and safety-conscious as he's been dominant, is hoping for a reversal of fortune. He's looking to provide new awakenings to fans who've been in misery watching him, while trying to convince them that he is indeed wild at heart and not just a guy who turns all his fights with dangerous, aggressive foes into dances with wolves.

Boxing, unlike the movies, can give you that chance to turn around an image in an eyeblink, or perhaps, a 10-count. Jeremy Irons never gets a chance to punch Arnold Schwarzenegger in the mouth so hard that he talks funny (or funnier), and Goldie Hawn was never called to read for *Hamlet*. But with one dazzling knockout in front of the pay-per-view universe and the eagle-eyed media, Hill can instantly become an assassin, an attraction, a conqueror of megastars.

"It's the opportunity of a lifetime, not just for myself, but for any boxer to fight a legend like Tommy," says the excited Hill. "His name still has that marquee value. It's time for a changing of the guard. This will propel my career into the superstar level. It's



Hearns tuned up for his challenge of Hill by destroying clubfighter Kemper Morton in two rounds. When Morton fell from a hook, it was Hearns' first kayo since October 1987. He remains a dangerous puncher, but he's had only two bouts at light heavyweight. Hill, on the other hand, is a natural 175-pounder.

not enough to be a world champion."

"The boxing people know Tommy's on his last legs," says Hill's trainer, Freddie Roach. "But the public still knows Tommy. If Virgil beats Tommy, everybody will know who Virgil is, not just boxing fans."

Hill, 30-0 (18), is long overdue for a challenge of such magnitude. Though he is a 7-2 favorite, the 27-year-old champion hasn't faced anyone who possesses the power and hand speed (yes, even now) of the 32-year-old Hearns. Hill's title fights, mostly punch-slipping clinics before the home folks in Bismarck, North Dakota, were starting to take on a generic quality. In his last three defenses, Hill was extended the 12-round distance by the seriously overmatched trio of David Vedder, Tyrone Frazier, and Mike Peak.

Hill's Peak performance, in January, was hardly a peak performance. The challenger, who arrived with an unimpressive record of 13-3-2, hadn't fought in a year. But Hill treated him like he was Mike Tyson, circling and jabbing from a distance for all but the final round. In his dressing room afterward, Hill was disheartened, appearing as tired of the monotony of his reign as his sternest critics had become.

"This one has to be an *impressive* win," Hill says candidly of the Hearns fight. "It can't just be a win, like my last three fights."

At this stage of his 14-year career, Hearns will gladly take a victory, impressive or not. Scarred and weary, he is Jimmy Connors in a tennis tournament or Georgetown during "March Madness": ever dangerous, but not advised to look beyond the very next round. Like Sugar Ray Leonard, Hearns says he derives motivation in the final days of his career from the simple pleasure of gunslinging while his name shines in lights overhead.

As if to prove that point, when the "Hit Man" was asked what he was going to be paid for this, his 53rd pro bout, he replied, "I don't know what I'm going to get. I just know I'm going to be paid."

(Just in case your accountant might be interested, Tommy, it's about $4.5-million. Hill gets $1.5-million.)

Though Hearns has been displaying a lack of concern for that corruptible green monster, the truth is, he placed an awfully high priority on his paycheck when the fight was first negotiated. His inital demand, rejected faster than a layup in Patrick Ewing's face, was for $8-million. Might that be an indication that Hearns realizes this is his swan song, and is thus adamant that he goes out being paid like a golden goose? Will Hill do to Hearns as Terry Norris did to Leonard?

Hearns bristles at the comparison, saying, "I'm not there yet. I'm not [34] yet, so I don't think about it. What happened to Ray Leonard is not gonna happen to me! I'm not gonna allow it. There's some real hitting left in the Hit Man. I don't know why the world is going against me, but they're going to regret it. Virgil Hill is definitely a very good fighter, but for people to rate him so much higher than me, that's a mistake."

Hill and Hearns. Two would-be actors with opposite approaches to their craft. So what happens when they meet? If Steven Seagal walks onto the same set with Richard Harris, on whose terms do they work? Will this be an action-packed thriller, or something that moves so slowly that it's going to rename the fight site Snoozers Palace?

Well, here's the moment we've all been waiting for: the official analysis, which up to now has been safely guarded by the accounting firm of Price-Waterhouse.

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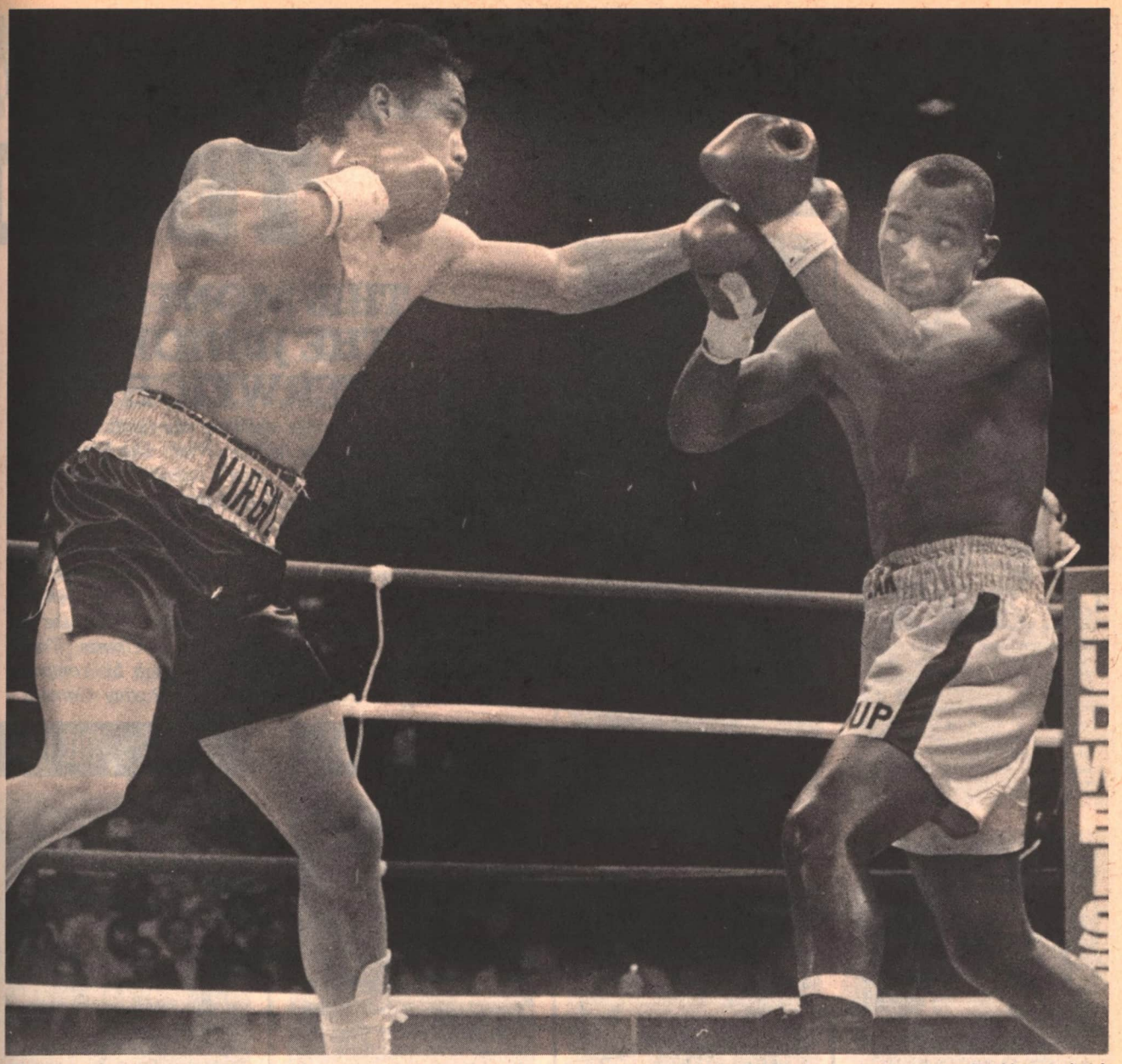
And the winner is . . . Virgil Hill! Before he steps up to the podium and starts thanking the entire population of North Dakota, let's take a look at how



Hill's most recent defense was typical of his title reign. Boxing in his hometown of Bismarck, North Dakota, he cautiously but comfortably outpointed overmatched Mike Peak. Hill accelerated his attack only in the 12th and final round. Six of the WBA champion's 10 defenses have been distance bouts.

he'll do it. It's actually a simple strategy, but one that will involve Hill adopting an entirely different mind set than the one he has used throughout his title reign.

Because Hearns sets up his offensive charges with his own outstanding jab, and not a face-first rush forward, a la many Hill opponents, the champion will not be able to merely counter with a jab and circle. He'll have to take advantage of his superior hand speed by sporadically standing and trading with Hearns. That's risky, but it's a battle plan Hill has no choice but to employ. And it should boost his public appeal at the same time that it wins him the fight.

Knowing that his legs could betray him in the later rounds, and sensing that Hill might be weary of his power and uncomfortable with punching exchanges in the opening rounds, Hearns will attempt to make the bout a short one. But in much the same manner that Leonard's blueprints were shredded by the left hook that floored him in the second round against Norris, Hearns' strategy will unravel the first time he is hurt.

That should come sometime in the third or fourth round, when Hill rocks him with a counter left hook. Hearns will wobble, maybe topple, then become desperate in his quest for a kayo. This is when Hill will turn mobile, forcing Hearns to accelerate on war-weary legs. For the Hit Man, this won't prove to be a collision at the crossroads as much as an attempt to climb upHill with no gears. Hearns is right, it won't be Norris-Leonard. It will be worse.

"If I were Terry, I would have finished Leonard," Hill has said. "It would have been much better, instead of the kind of beating Sugar Ray took."

The merciful Hill will finish the mercenary Hearns with a bombardment of punches midway through the seventh round. In the end, the man with the harder punch, the bigger heart, and the longer resume won't have been able to compensate for the simple fact that young legs almost always beat out old legs, be it in boxing, the 100-meter dash, or even during a casting call.

Long before he ever gets his footprints outside Mann's Chinese Theater, Thomas Hearns will look like he's standing in wet cement. ■

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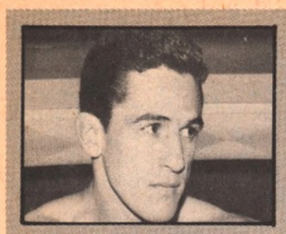
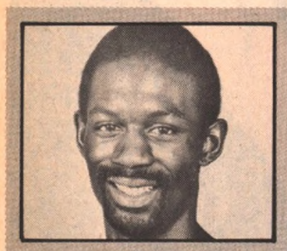


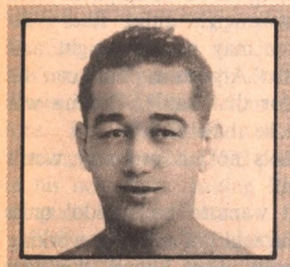
Eder Jofre: Brazil's greatest fighter . . . A technician who could outbox boxers, and a puncher who could kayo bombers with either fist . . . Won vacant bantam title with a 10th-round stoppage of Pierro Rollo in March 1961 . . . Retained crown seven times . . . Retired after losing title, but came back to win feather title at age 37 . . . Record: 72-2-4 (50).



Jeff Chandler: An unusually tall (5'7") and clever Philadelphia bantam who brought unprecedented attention to the 118-pound division in the United States . . . Won the WBA title with a 14th-round kayo of Julian Solis in November 1980 . . . Successfully defended nine times . . . Retired at age 27 after losing title in 1984 . . . Record: 33-2-2 (18).

Jofre-Chandler: Jofre is initially frustrated by his inability to get inside. He explodes in the third, however, dropping Chandler with a right. Chandler manages to keep the action in ring center. Chandler scores with lots of jabs, but Jofre rallies in the eighth with a big hook. Chandler's right eye swells in the ninth, and Jofre begins to reach the body. Chandler backpedals in the 10th and 11th, and is floored in the 12th by a combination. He is saved from further punishment at the 2:17 mark. Jofre is slightly ahead on all three cards. **Jofre by 12th-round TKO.**

Manuel Ortiz: Californian was most accomplished American bantam in history . . . A 5'4" brawler whose five battles with archrival Carlos Chavez remain a division highlight . . . Won title with a 12-round verdict over Lou Salica in August 1942 . . . Made a record 19 successful defenses over two reigns, including eight in 1943 alone . . . Record: 95-29-3 (49).



Sixto Escobar: First Puerto Rican world champion . . . Steel-chinned banger who was known for his lethal right cross . . . Lost a total of 23 times, but was never stopped . . . Won universal recognition as champion with a 13th-round stoppage of Tony Marino in August 1936 . . . Made four successful defenses in three different reigns . . . Record: 45-23-4 (22).

Ortiz-Escobar: A fantastic battle between two iron-chinned greats. Escobar hints at the upset-to-be by slipping Ortiz' blows and outpunching him two to one. Ortiz shows swelling under the right eye, which grows worse each round. Escobar swarms, but Ortiz bobs and weaves and finds his range in the eighth, scoring the first knockdown of Escobar's career. Escobar rebounds and scores his own knockdown in the 12th. The fans stand and scream as the bantams trade in the 15th. Scoring: 145-142 and 144-143 for Escobar, and 144-144. **Escobar by majority decision.**

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Jofre-Escobar: Escobar begins strongly, hurting the slow-starting Brazilian with a right. Jofre establishes command in the second, jabbing well and moving toward Escobar. Jofre dominates the fourth and marks his foe under the right eye in the fifth. Escobar, boxing exquisitely, begins to rally in the sixth. Both fighters are hurt in the shootout round; first Jofre, then Escobar. Escobar controls the middle rounds, as Jofre is reduced to an impatient slugger. But Jofre gains his second wind in the 11th, and the championship rounds are his, at least partly because Escobar's right eye is now almost shut. Escobar trades toe to toe in the lively 12th. Jofre, however, finishes brilliantly, turning Escobar's legs to jelly with a booming overhand right to start the 15th. Scoring: 147-139, 145-143, and 145-140, all for Jofre. **Jofre by unanimous decision.**

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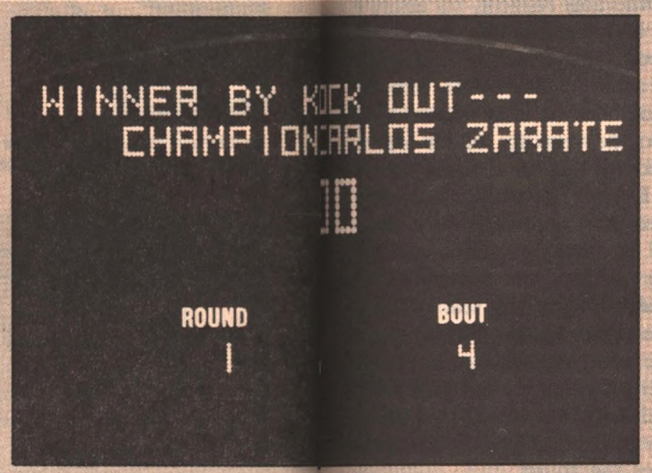


Zarate-Jofre: Jofre starts more quickly and stuns Zarate with a quick combination. Zarate can't seem to get off more than one punch at a time. Zarate picks up the pace in the third and fourth and begins to find the range with his cross. Jofre is scoring with smart combinations, but doesn't seem to be able to stun his opponent. Zarate explodes in the sixth, outjabbing Jofre, then staggering him with a maximum-leverage hook. Jofre rides his bicycle in the seventh and scores effectively with his superior handspeed. A familiar wound reopens in the eighth, as Zarate begins to bleed from a cut over his right eye. But instead of fighting defensively, the Mexican guns a straight right that fells Jofre. The bell sounds as the count reaches seven, and a clearly damaged Jofre returns to his corner. Jofre appears woozy as he opens the ninth. Zarate aims for the body, and after Jofre's guard drops, he is floored by a hook. Jofre rises, but four more blows bring a stoppage at the 2:37 mark. **Zarate is the winner and champion by ninth-round TKO.**

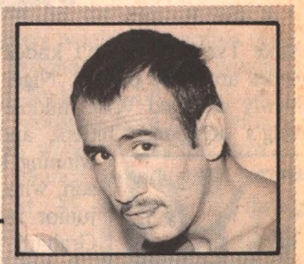
THE SEMIFINALS

Zarate-Olivares: The marquee matchup of the tourney disappoints no one. Zarate, much taller than his compatriot, is comfortable boxing, but Olivares rushes in and demands a punchout. Both land in the first, and it seems obvious that the brawl won't last for long. Olivares puts his head on Zarate's chest in the second and swings away. A perfectly timed right cross catches Olivares and drops him hard. He takes a nine-count, rises, and fearlessly attacks. Zarate scores a second knockdown with a combination, and Olivares holds until the bell. Zarate offers no letup in the third. As the bell sounds to open the fourth, Olivares gestures, as if to say to Zarate, "You can't hurt me." But a one-two produces the bout's third knockdown. Later in the round, with Olivares taking punishment along the ropes, the bout is mercifully stopped. **Zarate by fourth-round TKO.**

THE QUARTERFINALS

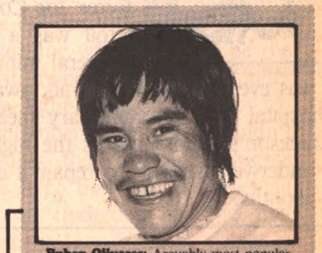
Zarate-Carruthers: The difference is Zarate's edge in power. Carruthers boxes in ring center but fails to mount an offensive. Hurt by a hook to the midsection in the third, the Australian dances in the fourth and remains an elusive target. Bodyblows stagger Carruthers in the seventh, but a clash of heads leaves Zarate with a nasty gash over his right eye in the eighth. The Mexican responds by accelerating and pins Carruthers to the ropes in the ninth. There are no answers. The bout is stopped at the 2:55 mark with Zarate ahead on all three cards. **Zarate by ninth-round TKO.**

Jimmy Carruthers: First universally recognized Australian champion . . . Tall (5'6½") bantam had brief but sensational career . . . Won title with shocking first-round demolition of South Africa's Vic Towel in November 1952 . . . Retained the crown three times before retiring at age 24 . . . Made unsuccessful comeback seven years later . . . Record: 21-4 (13).



Carlos Zarate: 5'8" Mexican is regarded as among the hardest hitters in history . . . Scored kayos in 44 of first 45 bouts . . . Won title with a ninth-round kayo of Rodolfo Martinez in May 1976 . . . Retained crown nine times before losing via questionable decision to Lupe Pintor . . . Made comeback in 1986 after six-year absence . . . Record: 59-4 (57).

Olivares-Brown: Brown lands 57 percent of his blows, outpunches Olivares three to one, and loses! En route to scoring a shutout, the Panamanian keeps his foe at the end of his jab. In the fourth, however, one hook crumples Brown, who barely rises at nine. He rebounds in the fifth, and closes Olivares' right eye before scoring a flash knockdown with a six-punch volley. But Olivares attacks unmercifully in the sixth, and scores two knockdowns in the seventh. The bout is stopped at the 2:48 mark with Brown ahead by three points on all cards. **Olivares by seventh-round TKO.**



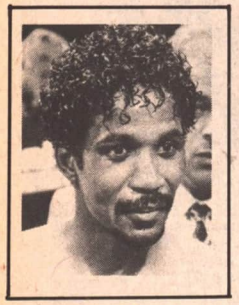
Ruben Olivares: Arguably most popular Mexican champion ever . . . 5'5½" and almost flabby, but possessed crushing power . . . His hook is the model taught to Mexican students . . . Won 118- and 126-pound titles twice each . . . Captured bantam crowns over Lionel Rose and Chucho Castillo in August 1969 and April 1971, respectively . . . Record: 88-12-3 (77).

Panama Al Brown: At 5'11½", the tallest bantam champ in history . . . Panama's first world champion . . . Fought predictably, using reach to score with jabs and uppercuts and frustrate foes . . . Won title with 15-round decision over Gregorio Vidal in June 1929 . . . Retained crown 10 times and kept title for six years . . . Record: 125-20-10 (55).

NEXT MONTH: THE FEATHERWEIGHTS

RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH: Greg Richardson



The average age of the 81 fighters who have ascended the bantamweight throne is 23. Richardson, 33, became the second-oldest fighter ever to win the 118-pound crown with his surprising 12-round unanimous decision victory over Raul Perez. Only Johnny Buff, who reigned in 1921, was older (by three months).

Richardson has enjoyed two hot runs. The first came in 1984 and 1985, when he defeated, among others, Harold Petty and Oscar Muniz. The second began in 1989, when he outpointed Gaby Canizales. He followed with decisions over former world champion Elly Pical and perennial contender Eddie Rangel. With only four kayos in 28 wins, his knockout percentage of .143 ranks with the lowest in boxing history. But he's a quick, clever bantamweight, and the type of fighter contenders avoid.

Now that he's champion, he won't be avoided anymore.

PERNELL WHITAKER-ANTHONY JONES

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—For world lightweight champion Whitaker, a pedestrian performance with a sprained left hand was good enough to reject third-choice challenger Jones, 26-3-1 (16), via unanimous 12-round decision at Caesars Palace.

Whitaker, 135, Norfolk, Virginia, fashioned a shutout on two cards, but even outpunching and outspeeding Jones, 135, Detroit, was not enough to generate new ballots for "Sweet Pea's" highly arguable position as boxing's premier fighter.

Kronk's switch-hitting Jones took the fight on eight days notice, replacing top-rated southpaw Tracy Spann, who took 20 stitches over his left eye in sparring. Spann had been a substitute for Spain's Poli Diaz, who was injured in a car accident.

Whitaker collected $500,000 while improving to 25-1 (13). Jones' take was $125,000.

From the first round, Whitaker repeatedly smothered Jones with lightning combinations, often when it appeared that the challenger was on the brink of a rally. The champion didn't implement the boring punch-and-retreat strategy he had used in his last distance defense, against Azumah Nelson in May 1990. In the middle rounds, he raked Jones with hooks, jabs, and uppercuts. By the closing rounds, the gutty challenger's features were puffy. Throughout the later rounds, however, Jones inched forward.

There were no knockdowns, but in the 12th, a four-punch salvo flush on the jaw buckled Jones' legs and drove him into a corner. The punch statistics told the whole story. Jones threw 845 blows, or 28 more than the champion. But Whitaker landed 52 percent, and Jones only 21 percent.

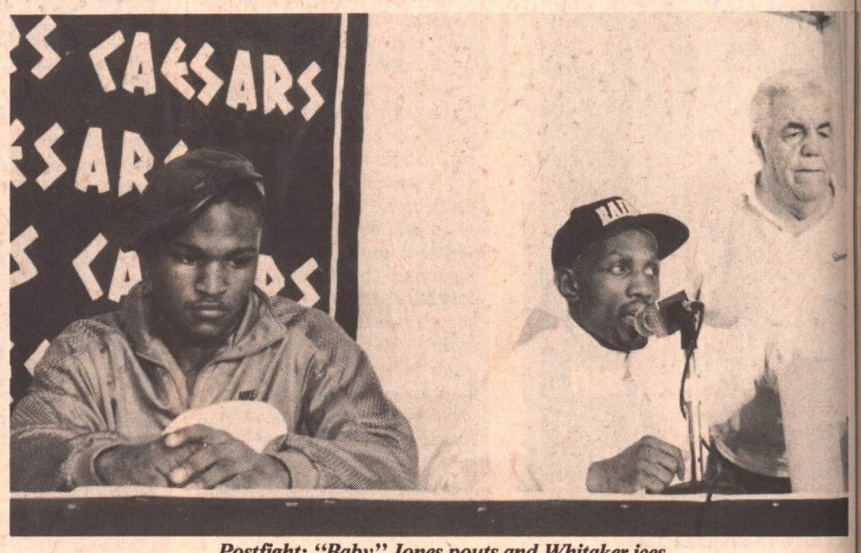
Jerry Roth and Joe Pasquale both scored 120-108. Dave Moretti saw it 119-109, giving Jones only the ninth round.

"The game plan changed on me a little bit," said Whitaker. "I didn't expect Jones to stay one way for so long. He was right-handed most of the way, but he can switch. He didn't show me he could move around, so I didn't move when I didn't have to."

Mills Lane refereed.

On the undercard, 1988 Olympian Romallis Ellis, 150, Atlanta, won a unanimous 10-round decision over Manuel Lizarraga, 140, Mexico. Ellis is 16-0 (13); Lizarraga 35-2-2 (25).

Tim Littles, 162, Flint, Michigan, scored a TKO over Ali Sanchez, 166,



Postfight: "Baby" Jones pouts and Whitaker ices

Campo, California, at 1:02 of the second round; scheduled for eight. Littles is 11-0 (8); Sanchez 11-11 (5).

Clark Earls, 135, Las Vegas, recorded a six-round verdict over Misael Espino, 140, Tijuana, Mexico. Earls is 6-0-1 (2); Espino 4-4 (2).
(2-23-91)

Jack Welsh

GREG HAUGEN-HECTOR CAMACHO

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—For Haugen, all the glitter was replaced by bitterness and disappointment in the wake of his 12-round split decision upset of Camacho at Caesars Palace.

Four days after the 12-round junior welterweight bout, it was revealed that Haugen, 30, had tested positive for marijuana. He was later fined $25,000 by the Nevada commission. A rematch has been scheduled for May 18.

Haugen, Las Vegas, admitted at a commission hearing that he had "smoked marijuana on and off for 15 years," but never before a fight, including the Camacho bout.

Commission chairman Dr. James Nave told Haugen that while he wasn't suspended, he will have to contribute 200 hours of community service in the Clark County school system and undergo random drug tests, at his own expense, for at least a year. Haugen also agreed to accept drug counseling and rehabilitation for one year under the commission's supervision.

"Right now should be one of the happiest times of my life, and it isn't," said Haugen. "I've made a very big mistake. It was something out of stupidity, and I'm paying for it now."

Promoter Dan Duva indicated that for the rematch, Haugen will earn $1.2-million and Camacho $500,000.

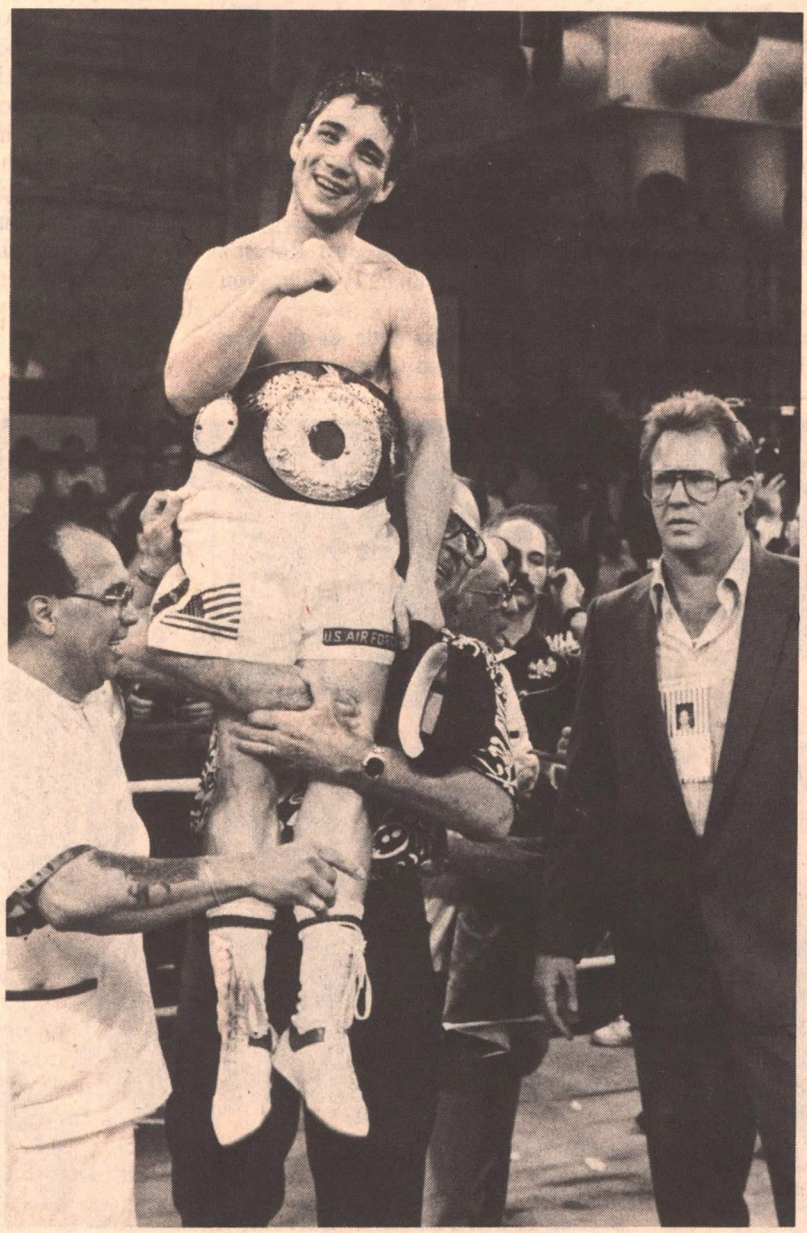
In the weeks leading up to the bout, Camacho kept referring to Haugen as "a tuneup fight" for his projected multimillion-dollar match with Julio Cesar Chavez. He apparently trained accordingly, and further damaged his chances during the traditional touch-gloves ceremony at the start of the final round. As Camacho extended his right glove, Haugen told referee Carlos Padilla that he didn't want to touch. Padilla asked the fighters three times "in the name of sportsmanship."

If Haugen, 139, was trying to psych the tiring Camacho, 140, he was successful. As Padilla turned to talk to Haugen, Camacho reached around the referee and lunged with two rights and a left. Haugen, smiling, ducked, and Padilla immediately deducted a point from Camacho. The penalty turned out to cost the "Macho Man" a draw—and his unbeaten mark.

"I know they don't like each other," said Padilla, "but when Camacho jumped in, in my mind I had no choice about the point. Camacho had committed a foul. He deliberately and intentionally did it. It's not a question of whether he hit Haugen or not."

A partisan crowd of 3,500 saw the gutty Haugen, a 7-1 underdog, score a determined come-from-behind victory. The upset seemed an impossible mission late in round three, when Camacho put together a left-right-left that dumped Haugen. He rose as the bell ended the round.

The knockdown served to arouse the slow-starting Haugen, and he began to execute his game plan of cutting off the ring and pressuring Camacho to the body. Camacho began to tire in the sixth and seventh rounds, breathing hard through his mouth and limiting his stick-and-move offense. The southpaw did gain a slight edge in the seventh, eighth, and ninth by jabbing, but an unrelenting Haugen kept working and moving forward. He took the 10th and 11th, setting up the bizarre finish.



A happy Haugen was one toke over the line

Bill McConkey and Art Lurie scored for Haugen, 114-112 and 114-113, respectively. Dalby Shirley had Camacho ahead, 114-112. *The Ring* scored for Haugen, 114-113. Haugen raised to 28-3-1 (13). Camacho is 39-1 (17).

"Haugen kept provoking, and then he stepped back and dropped his hands," Camacho said of the incident that had proved so costly. "I didn't hurt him. I didn't foul him. Haugen played to the crowd, and the crowd reacted. It was a hometown decision."

And, apparently, a decision Camacho will receive the opportunity to reverse.

(2-23-91)

Jack Welsh

ROBERT DANIELS-BOBBY CZYZ

ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY—Moments after Czyz earned a 12-round split decision over Daniels to capture the WBA junior heavyweight title at the Taj Mahal, he said he wanted Thomas Hearns.

"I just want one big payday before I leave this sport," Czyz said. "I want to be part of a million-dollar fight. Tommy Hearns has been a great champion, and I'd consider it an honor to fight him. I believe it would be a good fight. And just think, for once youth would be on my side."

Fighting Hearns would likely be difficult. However, against Daniels, 186½, Miami, Florida, it looked as if Czyz, 188¼, Montgomery, New Jersey, had won easily. But Humberto Figueroa saw Daniels a 116-114 winner. Rocky Castellani and Jesus Celis overruled, scoring 119-112 and 116-114, respectively, for Czyz.

Czyz is 38-5 (26); Daniels 18-2-1 (16). It was Daniels' third defense.

Czyz' workmanlike approach blended movement and splendid jabs, two factors missing in previous efforts. Trainer Tommy Parks instructed his fighter to outbox Daniels from long range. Whenever Daniels flicked his jab, Czyz had to move his head ever so slightly to avoid it. And when Daniels trapped Czyz on the ropes, Czyz' right uppercut moved the champion back just enough to allow him to break free and fire more jabs.

"I had to stand and earn Robert's respect," Czyz said. "I make you work to beat me."

Daniels, who did little in the first two rounds, worked Czyz to the ropes in round five and whacked him with lefts and rights. By the sixth round, ringsiders began to chant, "Bob-by! Bob-by!" In the past, Czyz would have fed off the cheers and brawled. But on this night, he stayed with his *long range* plan to win each round.

The most exciting round was the 10th, as Daniels muscled Czyz into a corner and connected with solid blows. Before the 11th, Daniels' corner told him he needed a knockout to win.

By the 12th, blood was spilling out of a cut on the side of Daniels' mouth. But he nevertheless stalked Czyz and drilled him with a mean right uppercut-left hook combination. Czyz' head snapped upward, and he answered by trying to punch it out with the champion. Daniels followed with a body combination and a hook to the head. At the final bell, a battered Czyz raised his hands in victory.

"I blame myself," Daniels said after the decision was announced. "The guy has a lot of experience. I should've stayed on him. But I'm not a crybaby. Like Joe Louis used to say, 'Hey, the guy beat me.' "

(3-8-91)

Joseph C. Tintle

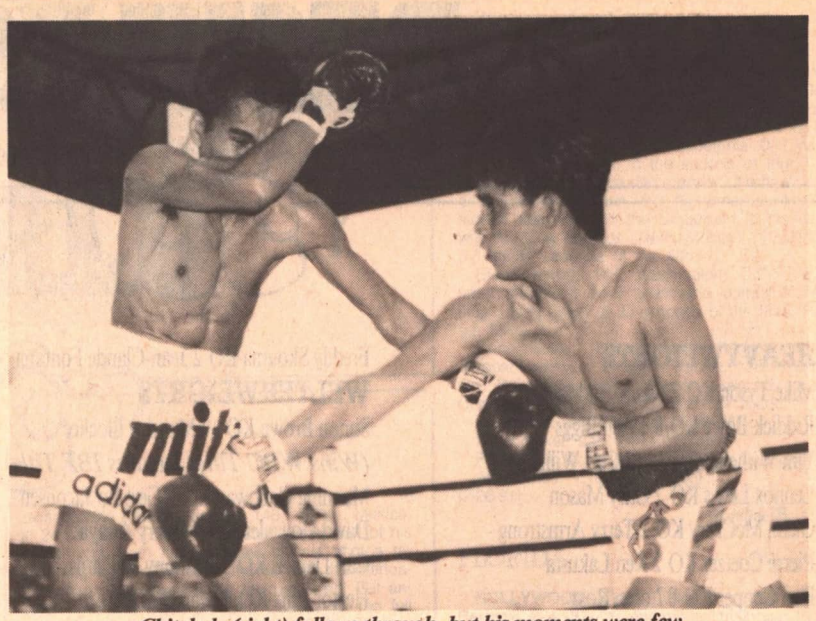
Czyz' long-range plan worked against the stronger Daniels

MUANGCHAI KITTIKASEM-SOT CHITALADA

AYUTHAYA, THAILAND—The end of Chitalada's second reign, predicted for months because of his continual problems in making 112 pounds, came ingloriously at the hands of countryman Kittikasem after six one-sided rounds. It is anticipated that the 28-year-old Thai will retire, though a return at 115 pounds remains a possibility.

Former 108-pound champion Kittikasem, who was dethroned by Michael Carbajal last July, dominated from the start. He floored Chitalada in the first with a hook, slumped in the second, but then hurt his foe in the third, and scored a second knockdown in the fifth. Chitalada was being pummeled in the sixth when referee Chuck Hassett intervened. Kittikasem is 13-1 (9); Chitalada 23-3-1 (15).

Chitalada, rumored to have weighed as much as 124 two weeks before the fight, fought only 27 bouts in eight years. He avenged the first two losses of his career and made a total of 10 defenses. He will be remembered as one of the best flyweights in history. (2-15-91)



Chitalada (right) follows through, but his moments were few

GREG RICHARDSON-RAUL PEREZ

INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA—The Great Western Forum has become known as "The Graveyard Of Champions," and the latest champion to fall was WBC bantamweight king Perez, who gave up his title without a whimper to longshot veteran Richardson. Perez, 118, Tijuana, Mexico, was making his eighth defense.

Richardson, 116½, Youngstown, Ohio, dominated for the entire 12 rounds. He was the sharper puncher throughout, continually catching Perez with a dazzling display of counterpunching. Perez did manage to tag his shorter foe several times, but Richardson just shrugged off the blows and continued his boxing lesson.

At the end of the one-sided contest, Terry Smith scored 116-112, and both Ray Solis and Tamotsu Tomihara scored 115-113. The scoring seemed generous to the loser. Perez, who picked up $50,000, wept in the dressing room after the fight. A potential $100,000 payday against powerhitting WBC super bantamweight champion Kiyoshi Hatanaka is now gone. Richardson is 29-4 (4); Perez 48-2-2 (30).

At age 33, Richardson can't be expected to be around for a long time (though he has no problems making the division's weight limit).

Evelio Perez, 135, Anaheim, gained revenge over Jaime Castillo, 135, Los Angeles, with a majority decision over eight rounds. The pair had fought to a draw last summer. Perez is 9-5-6; Castillo 9-1-1.

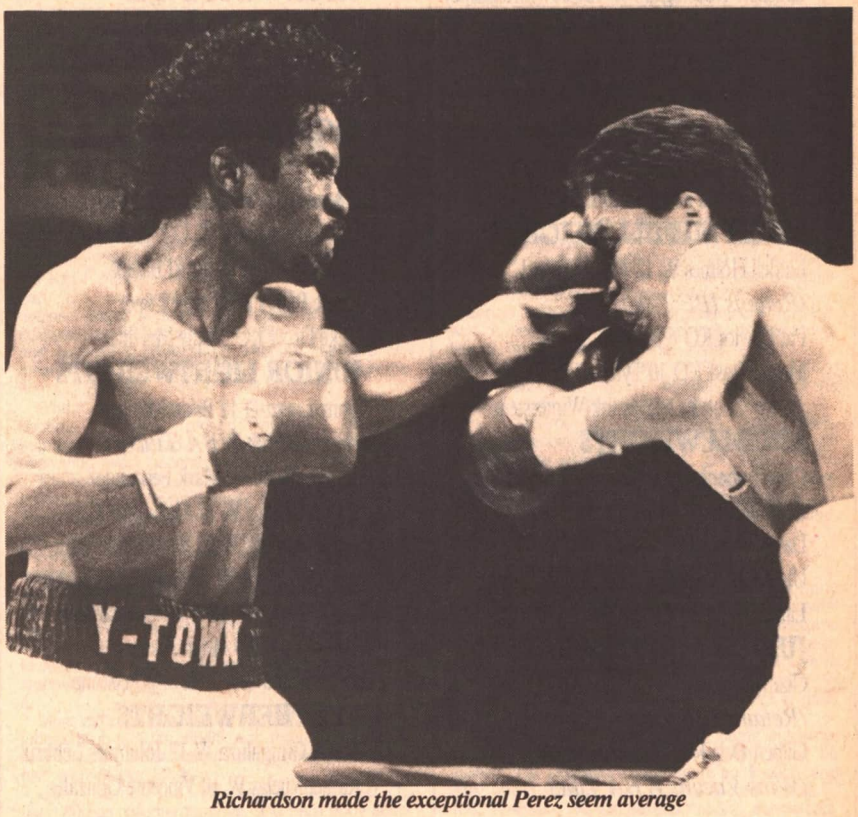
Unbeaten Nigerian Liasu Braimoh, Las Vegas, pitched a shutout over game Malcolm Shaw, Phoenix; welterweights. Braimoh is 10-0 (6); Shaw 10-2-1 (4).

Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis

Attendance: 5,949

(2-25-91)

Michael Hepworth ■



Richardson made the exceptional Perez seem average

WORLDWIDE RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Mike Tyson KO 7 Razor Ruddock
Riddick Bowe KO 8 Tyrell Biggs
Tim Witherspoon W 12 Carl Williams
Lennox Lewis KO 7 Gary Mason
Glenn McCrory KO 2 Terry Armstrong
Pierre Coetzer KO 2 Ken Lakusta
Bert Cooper KO 8 Loren Ross
Joe Hipp KO 7 David Bey

CRUISERWEIGHTS

Bobby Czyz W 12 Robert Daniels
(Wins WBA Title)
Alfred Cole W 12 Leon Taylor
Dwight Muhammad Qawi KO 3 Bert Gravely
Magne Havnaa W 12 Tyrone Booze
Phillip Jackson W Disq. 8 William Morris
Derek Angol KO 2 Dave Garside

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Graciano Rocchigiani W 12 Crawford Ashley
Andrew Maynard KO 8 Lenzie Morgan
Leeonzer Barber KO 3 Robert Johnson
Ramzi Hassan KO 3 Nate Houser
Ed Mack W 8 Matthew Saad Muhammad
Leslie Stewart W 10 Drake Thadzi
Eric Nicoletta KO 4 John Keys

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Lindell Holmes W 12 Antoine Byrd
(Retains IBF Title)
Pat Lawlor KO 6 Roberto Duran
Merqui Sosa KO 10 Tyrone Frazier
Jimmy Cook KO 12 Frank Winterstein

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Chris Eubank Tech. Dec. 10 Dan Sherry
Kevin Watts W 10 Hector Rosario
Dave Tiberi KO 9 Wesley Watson
Ulysses Boulware W 10 Rollin Williams
Lamar Parks KO 3 Eric Rinehart

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Gianfranco Rosi W 12 Ron Amundsen
(Retains IBF Title)
Gilbert Dele KO 7 Carlos Elliott
(Wins Vacant WBA Title)
Freddy Skouma KO 2 Jean-Claude Fontana

WELTERWEIGHTS

Simon Brown KO 10 Maurice Blocker
(Wins WBC Title; Retains IBF Title)
Manning Galloway KO 8 Gert Bo Jacobsen
David Gonzalez KO 4 Henry Anaya
Carl Daniels KO 3 Anthony Williams
Hector Vilte KO 3 Marcelo DiCroce
Danny Garcia KO 5 Jorge Maysonet
Vincent Pettway KO 6 Eddie Van Kirk
Alberto Alcaraz KO 1 Ernie Chavez
Cassius Clay Horne KO 10 Eric Hernandez
Roger Turner W 12 Darryl Lattimore

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Julio Cesar Chavez KO 4 John Duplessis
(Retains WBC & IBF Titles)
Greg Haugen W 12 Hector Camacho
Harold Brazier W 10 Jake Torrence
Oba Carr W 10 David Taylor
Rodney Moore KO 8 Raul Torres
Nika Khumalo KO 7 Rene Arredondo
Romallis Ellis W 10 Marco Lizarraga

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Pernell Whitaker W 12 Anthony Jones
(Retains Undisputed Title)
Dingaan Thobela W 12 Mario Martinez
Chil Sun Chun W 10 Al Balaba
Kelcie Banks D 8 Oscar Lopez
Mike Grow KO 5 Billy Martinez

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Tony Lopez D 12 Brian Mitchell
(For IBF & WBA Titles)
Jesse Leija W 10 Mark Fernandez
Jorge Romero W 12 Mark Smith
Daniel Londas W 12 Senturk Ozdemir
Anthony Boyle W 10 Bobby McCarthy
Mark Reefer W 10 Andrew Deabreau
Tony Pep KO 9 Hugh Forde
Regilio Tuur KO 2 Steve Whetstone

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Jackie Gunguluza W 12 Johannes Leburu
Rafael Ruelas W 10 Vincente Gonzales
Tom Johnson KO 5 Alex Bear
Fabrice Benichou KO 1 Daryl Jones
Kennedy McKinney KO 5 Edel Geronimo
Kevin Kelley KO 3 Boualem Belkif

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

Welcome Ncita W 12 Baby Sugar Rojas
(Retains IBF Title)
Jesus Salud KO 2 Idelfonso Bernal
Jerome Coffee KO 4 Rene Gamboa
Michael Parris W 10 Ulrick Johnson

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Greg Richardson W 12 Raul Perez
(Wins WBC Title)
Gaby Canizales KO 2 Happy Lora
Yong Hoon Lee KO 9 Eun Sik Lee
Billy Hardy KO 7 Francisco Ortiz
Eliecer Julio KO 5 Jesus Flores
Victor Rabanales KO 7 Javier Leon
Johnny Vasquez KO 7 Jorge Martinez
Duke McKenzie KO 7 Julio Blanco
Junior Jones W 10 Juan Carazo
Cesar Polanco KO 4 Rafael Toribio

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS

Kid Akeem KO 3 Lucilo Nolasco
David Griman KO 8 William Ramos
Rey Paciones KO 11 Rex Rapiso
Abraham Torres D 10 Joichiro Tatsuyoshi
Yong Kang Kim KO 5 Rey Cogonon

FLYWEIGHTS

Elvis Alvarez W 12 Leopard Tamakuma
(Wins WBA Title)
Muangchai Kittikasem KO 6 Sot Chitalada
(Wins WBC Title)
Salvatore Fanni KO 2 Joe Kelly

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS

Michael Carbajal W12 Javier Varguez
(Retains IBF Title)

STRAWWEIGHTS

Eric Chavez KO 1 Ebo Danquah
Mario Sajuran KO 9 Joe Constantino

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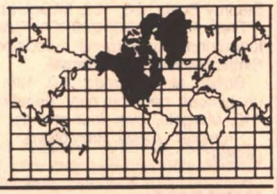

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

INGLEWOOD—Great Western Forum—**Tommy Hearns** returned to action for the first time in eight months and stopped trialhorse **Kemper Morton** at 2:02 of the second round. It was "The Hit Man's" first knockout in three years. Coming two days after Sugar Ray Leonard's career-ending loss in New York, it breathed life into Hearns' fading career. His next opponent, WBA light heavyweight champion Virgil Hill, was ringside, and must have enjoyed watching Hearns soak up some rights in the first round.

After having his face peppered by Hearns' stinging jab in the opening stanza, it got worse for Morton in the next round. As soon as Hearns found his range, he began landing some heavy blows to the ribs and head before felling Morton with a perfect left hook that left the durable clubfighter staggering on the canvas. He tried to get up and made it to his feet at 10, but referee Pat Russell used common sense and called it off. Hearns, Detroit, 173, improved to 48-3-1 (38). Morton dropped to 17-7-2 (12). The Detroit legend, who visited U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia last fall, donated $50,000 to the USO. He's become the most popular fight figure in America, this side of George Foreman.

Genaro Hernandez, 131¾, Los Angeles, 23-0 (11), won by disqualification when Pedro Arroyo, 129¾, Puerto Rico, was dismissed in the 10th round for holding and illegal use of his head. Arroyo, 15-4 (10), lost a point for butting in the fourth, and both fighters were consistently warned throughout for dangerous inside work. Hernandez, who was frustrated by his light-punching foe, kept chasing Arroyo and measuring him, but his strong finishing power was absent.

Anthony Hembrick, 177, Beckley, West Virginia, 17-1 (9), continued his journey back toward the top 10 of the light heavyweight division with a fourth-round stoppage of Keith McMurray, Fayetteville, North Carolina, 12-11-1 (7). Hembrick had previously outpointed McMurray.

Ernesto Magdalena, 177, Westminster, kayoed Melvin James, 177, Los Angeles, in three.

Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis
Attendance: 8,159
(2-11-91)

Michael Hepworth

IRVINE—Marriott Hotel—California welterweight champion **Ernie Chavez**, 145¾, was knocked out by substitute **Alberto Alcaraz**, 145, La Paz, Mexico, in 24 seconds. The taller Alcaraz rushed out of his corner and, from his southpaw stance, shot a resounding right to the jaw. Chavez took the mandatory count and appeared to be recovered. But another right and a left dropped Chavez for the full count. It was the first loss in 14 bouts for Chavez, Santa Ana. Alcaraz was listed as having won 43 of 50 matches, and appeared to be much heavier than the announced 145 pounds. Referee: Lou Moret.

Good-looking prospect Mike Semaza, 125¼, Villa Park, stopped Ramon Gomez, 124½, Fontana, with a left hook in the fifth round of a scheduled six-round bout. Semaza is 6-0-1. Referee: Gwen Adair.

Hector Mojardin, 133¼, Baldwin Park, won a close but unanimous four-round decision over Rolando Lopez, 129¼, Parris. Lopez was floored in the second. Referee: Lou Filippo.

Mamoru Fuyumura, 116½, looked good in his pro debut, winning a four-round decision over Francisco Lopez, 118¼, Pachuco, Mexico. Referee: Filippo.

Panchito Riano, 135, Fullerton, TKO'd Filemon Alvarado, 135, Los Angeles, at 1:55 of the first round.

Promoter: Don Fraser
Matchmaker: John Cabrera
Physician: Dr. Paul Wallace
Attendance: 1,140
(2-28-91)

Paul Silverman

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

D.C. Convention Center—A tentative **Andrew Maynard**, 175, Cheverly, 15-1 (11), weathered six one-sided rounds, got untracked in the seventh, and landed a big straight right in the eighth, causing a surprisingly sudden stoppage and preserving the NABF light heavyweight title over **Lenzie Morgan**, 175, Youngstown, Ohio, 10-4-1 (4). Owning decided edges in reach and speed, Morgan used multiple jabs to set up hard straight rights, hooks, and occasional body shots, keeping Maynard off-balance and frequently backing him up through the first six rounds.

When on the ropes or laying on Maynard midring, Morgan proved elusive, generally outpunching Maynard in crisp flurries and effectively answering every decent shot Maynard scored with.

The turning point was the seventh, when Morgan seemed to tire. Maynard finally discovered an effective combo—right hook to the body, left uppercut—and dominated the last two minutes inside. Early in the eighth, Maynard landed his right to the temple, staggering Morgan badly. Morgan regrouped, however, and after Maynard missed some wild hooks, appeared to regain his bearings, tying up and even throwing some counters. Off a break, Morgan still seemed wobbly, and when Maynard muscled him to ropes and worked the body, Sylvester Stevens, stunning most spectators, stepped in and stopped it.

More difficult to explain is the fact that two of the judges (Karl Milligan, 68-65, and Paul Artisst, 67-66) had Maynard ahead after seven. (Peggy Chandler had it 67-66 for Morgan.)

Gerry Payne, 156, Washington, D.C., 5-0 (1), used flurries, counterpunches, and hard body shots to again (and more convincingly) defeat a game, aggressive Tim Knight, 153, Richmond, Virginia, 7-4 (2), in six. Referee: Marshall Cunningham.

Prospect Andrew Council, 154½, Tuxedo, won a close decision over former ESPN welterweight champion Robert "Boo Boo" Sawyer, 151, Washington, D.C., 21-13 (14), over six. Referee: Stevens.

Former national amateur champion Marc Johnson, 115, Washington, D.C., 3-1 (3), a dazzling southpaw, landed a nonstop blur of punches and TKO'd Darian Riley, 115, Philadelphia, 0-1, via the three-knockdown rule in the second of four.

Ray Leonard's sparring partner, Michael Ward, 149, Fort Washington, 8-2 (5), emerged from his storied sessions with the Sugarman to dispose of wild-swinging survivor Calvin Moody, 149, Norfolk, 5-8, at 37 seconds of the fifth.

Elwyn Kemp, 147, Washington, D.C., 4-2 (2), used persistent body work and combinations to stop Teddy Greer at 33 seconds of the third. Referee: Milligan.

Lionel Butler, 133, Alexandria, Virginia, 2-0 (1), dropped awkward Gregory Tolbert, 136, Washington, D.C., 2-3, in the first and second, causing Cunningham's countout at the 2:27 mark.

Promoters: Jim Speights, Ervin Webb
Matchmaker: Cleveland Burgess
Physicians: Dr. Andrew Fisher, Dr. Samuel Milton
Attendance: 1,100 (estimated)
(2-26-91)

Charles R. Lewis

FLORIDA

HOLLYWOOD—The Diplomat Hotel—**Trevor Berbick**, 224, 37-7-1, pummelled trialhorse **Bobby Crabtree**, 205, Fort Smith, Arkansas, for 13 minutes, stopping him at 2:00 of the fifth in a scheduled 10-rounder.

It was only the second fight for the former WBC heavyweight champion since a decision loss to Buster Douglas in February 1989. (The other was a first-round loss to Tommy Morrison in January.) In recent months, the 34-year-old Berbick, Miramar, has been involved in a bitter divorce and custody battle; arrested on charges of aggravated assault with a firearm, false imprisonment, and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony; and accused of raping his children's babysitter. The fight against southpaw Crabtree, 41-23-1, allowed Berbick to put his other troubles behind him, at least for awhile.

Referee Bernie Soto visited Crabtree's corner after the fourth frame and asked if he wanted to quit because of all the punches he had taken. Crabtree replied, "No, I can take some more," And he did, until Berbick floored him for the count with a left hook to the body, followed by a pair of overhand rights a minute into the fifth round.

The Ring thought that stylish Mark Smith, 128¾, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 14-0, handled Patrick Simeon, 129¼, Miami, 6-5, with relative ease in an eight-round contest. But the judges saw it differently, as Smith eked out a split decision. Percy Harris, 166¼, Pikesville, Maryland, 9-1 (7), kayoed hapless Richard Smith, 158, Miami, 0-4, at 1:07 of the first round; scheduled for six.

In his first fight since being stopped by Carl Williams, heavyweight Melton Bowen, 216¾, Miami, 17-2, did not look sharp in gaining a unanimous eight-round decision over stubborn Danny Blake, 208¼, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 11-32-7.

Lenzie Morgan, 166; Youngstown, Ohio, 10-3-1, won a boring 10-round unanimous decision over Randy Smith, 164¾, Tampa, 21-20.

Ronald Wright, 3-0, 158¾, St. Petersburg, TKO'd Tony Graham Jr., 163¼, Pahokee, at 1:31 of the second round; scheduled for four.

In a four-rounder, comebacking Dino Dennis, 232½, Attleboro, Massachusetts, 45-5-2, got a gift majority draw with Vale Payton, 214, Miami, 1-3-1.

Bullish Alex Quiroga, 140, Miami, 3-0, overwhelmed Jerome Johnson, 137, Miami Beach, 0-3, stopping him at 58 seconds of the second round.

Promoter: Alessi Promotions
(12-14-90)

HOLLYWOOD—The Diplomat Hotel—**Johnny "Malibu" Gutierrez** had three things going against him before his 10-round draw opposite **Jacques LeBlanc**: He fights best at 147, but he weighed 154; he looked soft and had limited mobility due to a broken fibula in his left leg that was only 1½ months out of a cast; he was in against a good boxer.

Gutierrez, Lehigh Acres, 20-4-2, came out winging wildly, and he missed often. And, when he missed, his exposed head made an inviting and easy target for LeBlanc's counter hooks. LeBlanc, 156, Waltham, Massachusetts, 14-3-2, consistently beat Gutierrez to the punch in the early rounds,

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peppered him with jabs, and repeatedly spanked him with left hooks to the head. But an injury to LeBlanc's right hand in the third caused him to rely almost exclusively on his left the rest of the way.

In the eighth, Gutierrez jolted LeBlanc with a right uppercut that bloodied the Canadian's nose. He finished strongly in his best round of the fight.

Most observers, including *The Ring*, thought LeBlanc had won. But the scoring was 95-95 (twice) and 97-93 for Gutierrez.

In a 10-round co-main event, Percy Harris, 164, Pikesville, Maryland, had a tougher time against veteran Ralph Moncrief, 165, Cleveland, than the scores (100-90 and 99-91 twice) indicated. Harris, 10-1, closed the first round with a trio of thudding left hooks, and it looked as though this might end quickly. But Moncrief, 23-14, shook it off and generally outworked Harris the rest of the way. Although Moncrief was busier, Harris was sharper, as he parlayed a stinging jab, counter left hooks, and left-right combos to good effect.

1988 middleweight Olympic gold medalist Henry Maske, 177, Germany, 8-0, pounded out a convincing eight-round unanimous decision over Salim Muhammad, 188, Miami, 14-6.

Hudson Jean-Claude, 159, Miami, 4-1 won a six-round unanimous decision over Rocky Fabrizzio, 162, Longwood, 17-12.

Ronald Wright, 4-0, 154, St. Petersburg, stopped Stedroy Bolus, 0-3, 150, Miami, at 1:30 of the third.

Fred Adams, 3-0, 188, St. Petersburg, gained a four-round unanimous decision over Ernest Simmons, 4-3, 192, Cocoa.

Bullish Alex Quiroga, 4-0, 138, Miami, scored a unanimous decision over debuting Angel Cintron, 140, Margate, over four rounds.

Promoter: Alessi Promotions
(1-25-91)

INDIANA

SOUTH BEND—Century Center—**Harold Brazier**, 147, South Bend, kept active by facing journeyman **Jake Torrence**, 151, Gary, in a 10-rounder. Brazier, 73-10-1 (53), with one no decision, easiy won every round on all cards.

Norman "Psycho" Bates, 146, Elkhart, easily outpointed game Anthony Travis, 149, Springfield, Missouri, over eight rounds.

Mike Arrington, 138, Elkart, won a four-round nod over Hector Ramirez, 135, Columbus. Ramirez ran out of gas.

Jim Kazmarek, 147, South Bend, won a four-round split decision over Reggie Strickland, 147, Cincinnati.

Andy Panelli, 198, South Bend, TKO'd Brad Anderson, 240, Jeffersonville, at 2:43 of round two.

In a 10-round no decision bout, Dick Ryan, 222, Omaha, Nebraska, and Anthony Wade, 252, Indianapolis, went toe to toe and received a standing ovation.

Promoter: Fred Berns
Matchmaker: Pete Susens
Referee: Sean Curtin
Judges: Fred Jones, Jay Ritchie, Gary Merritt
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(2-25-91)

INDIANAPOLIS—The Sherwood Club—**Terry Thomas**, 149, Lafayette, 21-0-1, TKO'd **Tim Brooks**, Oklahoma City, at 2:58 of round eight. Thomas, who controlled the fight with an excellent jab and sharp combinations, dropped Brooks in the fourth.

Localite Willie Jake, 183, decisioned Tim Richards, 190, Fort Wayne, over six.

In an ugly brawl, Bill Preston, 172, Mobile, Alabama, won a split six-round decision over Tim Bryant, 166, New Palestine.

Kevin Sedam, 139, Indianapolis, won a four-round decision over Jimmy Walcott, 134, Indianapolis.

Rad Brewer, 249, Frankfort, gained a four-round nod over Jimmy Baker, 199, Columbus.

Promoter: Fred Berns
Matchmaker: Pete Susens
Referees: Sean Curtin, George DeFabis
Judges: Fred Jones, Charlie Tudor, Gary Merritt
Attendance: 650 (estimated)
(2-26-91)

Gary L. Merritt

MICHIGAN

AUBURN HILLS—The Auburn Hills Palace—**Leeonzer Barber** heated up the crowd as he won the WBC Continental Americas light heavyweight championship by knocking down **Robert Johnson** twice en route to a third-round TKO. Emanuel Steward glowed with the prospect of Michael Moorer

moving up to the heavies, while Barber seeks out a world title at 175 pounds. Referee: Bobby Watson.

Former Olympian Kenny Gould, 17-1, gained revenge from the one man to defeat him as he won a six-round unanimous decision over Anthony Bryant, Nashville, Tennessee, 15-20-1. Gould dislocated his left shoulder in their first meeting.

Kronk welterweight Phillipa Martin, 10-1, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over Michael Powell, Aurora, Colorado, 5-2.

Highland Park native Kevin Whaley-El, 6-5, scored a fifth-round TKO over Lee Smith, 2-4, Findlay, Ohio; junior middleweights.

Kronkster Marlon Thomas, 1-0 (1), stopped Kenny Stembridge, 0-1, at 26 seconds of the first round; light heavyweights.

Max Gomez, Denver, Colorado, 6-1, knocked down Kronk's Theotrice Chambers, 5-2, four times in en route to a four-round unanimous decision.

Leroy Bryant, Nashville, 2-0, scored a first-round kayo over Mark Kauslick, Akron, Ohio, 0-2; middleweights.

In a four-round junior middleweight matchup, Kirk Blakely, 5-8, outpointed Tom Shrider, Lima, Ohio, 0-2.

Matchmaker: Tommy Vacca

Referees: Bobby Watson, Dale Grable, Joe Sowerby

Judges: Bill Miley, Randy Ericson, R. Ladoceour

TV: Pass Cable Network

Attendance: 13,000 (estimated)

(2-19-91)

Thomas F. Paruszkiewicz

MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS—Carl "Squirrel" Daniels, 150, registered a third-round kayo over late-substitute **Anthony "Two Gun" Williams**, 148, in a 10-round junior middleweight bout. Daniels, 23-0, dropped Williams, 12-5, in the first. Williams has some success in the second, but in the third Daniels put him down again. Two more knockdowns ended the fight.

Chad Parker, Biloxi, 154, won a tough eight-round split decision over Anthony Ivory, 11-2. Parker, 23-0, dominated the middle rounds.

Former amateur champion Boris Powell, 250, St. Louis, won his pro debut with a four-round unanimous decision over Stanley Wright, 285, Knoxville, Tennesse.

Freddie "Hard Rock" Norwood, 126, St Louis, 11-0, stopped Bruce Nueby, 134, Knoxville, in the third round.

Larry Prather, 165, Knoxville, scored a six-round split decision over James Williamson, 167, St. Louis.

Steve Cook, 181, St. Louis, won a four-round unanimous decision over Kennett Bentley, 180, Knoxville.

Mark Vitlae, 131, St. Louis, and Andre Thompson, 134, Knoxvile, fought to a no contest in the first round. It was the pro debut for both fighters. They wrestled through the ropes and landed on a ringside table. A judge got kicked in the head and had his glasses broken. Both fighters went to the hospital, and the ringside table got smashed to pieces.

Promoter: Gateway Boxing Club

Attendance: 1,200 (estimated)

(2-15-91)

Brent Williams

NEBRASKA

OMAHA—Peony Park Ballroom—**Dick "Raging Bull" Ryan**, 225, Omaha, 25-1, battered stubborn **Oscar Reed**, 236, McCallster, Oklahoma, to win a fierce eight-round unanimous decision. Ryan was expected to make short work of his chubby foe, but Reed had other ideas and went toe to toe. Reed was staggered a few times from hooks, but he stayed tough. Surprisingly, Reed outfought Ryan on the inside and drew collective gasps from the pro-Ryan crowd by snapping Ryan's head back with successive uppercuts. Undaunted, Ryan never eased up and more than earned the decision.

In a six-round heavyweight semifinal, Dan Murphy, Ft. Calhoun, was hard-pressed to squeeze out a draw against aggressive Keith St. Clair, Kingston, Jamaica.

Battling the flu, Rick Kellar, Council Bluffs, Iowa, pounded out a six-round unanimous decision over Brad Anderson, Indianapolis; heavyweights.

Omaha's promising young lightweight, Ray Domenge, scored a six-round TKO over scrappy Richard Wilson, Sioux City, Iowa.

Mike Juarez, Omaha, outpointed Lewis Burton, Hope, Indiana, via four-round unanimous decision; lightweights.

Promoter: F & F Berns

Matchmaker: Pete Susens

Judges: Dick McGinnis, Goose O'Neal, Bill Murphy

Attendance: 516

(2-18-91)

Bob Ruiz

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS—Sands—Texas native **Kennedy McKinney** is clearly on the road back. After two drug rehab detours, he scored a fifth-round kayo over tough **Richard Abila** in a scheduled 10-rounder. McKinney, 125, mixed power and speed in dispatching Abila to improve to 14-0-1 (9). Abila is 15-7 (8).

Abila, 125, Midland, Texas, fell four times and was cut over the left eye in the fourth. Referee Toby Gibson counted him out at the 2:21 mark.

It was a struggle, but Abner Barajas, 111, Phoenix, 15-2 (7), won an eight-round majority decision over Victor Miranda, 117, Los Angeles, 4-4 (1).

Eddie Cook, 118, Las Vegas, TKO'd Juan Carlos Paye-Perez, 121, Los Angeles, 7-4, at 1:53 of the second round. Cook has scored 12 straight kayos.

Frank Pena, 129, Aurora, Colorado, 2-0 (2), opened the show, chilling Manuel Neris, 133, Los Angeles, 7-5, at 2:23 of the first round.

Exciting Skipper Kelp, 146, Las Vegas, 2-0 (2), stopped Eddie Rios, 147, El Paso, Texas, 39 seconds into the fight with a right to the jaw. Rios is 2-2.

Wayne Powell, 152, Tyler, Texas, 20-3-1 (15), rebounded from a first-round knockdown and upset Greg Lonon, 153, Las Vegas, 13-2-1 (8), via eight-round decision.

(1-18-91)

LAS VEGAS—Caesars Palace—Former WBA super bantamweight champion **Louie Espinoza**, 128, showed there is still prime-time power in his punching. **Jose Sanabria**, a former junior featherweight titlist, New York, was the victim of the crunch in Espinoza's right hand, having been stopped in his tracks in the sixth round scheduled for 10 rounds.

Espinoza, Phoenix, 40-4-2 (34), admitted he was surprised that he was able to take Sanabria, 126, out so early.

"Sanabria is a great fighter, and he's been a world champion," he said. "Jose is much better than people give him credit for. He was trying to set me up, sucker me in, and I didn't want to get careless. He caught me with a couple of good shots, but they never hurt me."

Other than a slight cut over his right eye when heads collided in the third round, Espinoza was unmarked. Sanabria, who had a swelling under his left eye, slipped to 17-6-2 (9).

Espinoza spoiled the Venezuelan's rhythm with a snapping jab to win four of the first five rounds on all scorecards. He started teeing off early in the sixth, knocking Sanabria across the ring with a long right. Sanabria went down in a neutral corner and took an eight-count from referee Richard Steele. Espinoza ended it with a short right to the jaw at mid-ring, with Steele jumping between the boxers as Sanabria started to sag. The end came at 1:10.

Vincent Phillips, 140, Las Vegas, wore down Benji Marquez, 137, Pueblo, Colorado, for a fourth-round TKO at 2:18. Phillips is 19-0 (13).

Frank Pena, 128, Aurora, Colorado, 3-0 (2), punched out an easy six-round decision over Gerardo Mercado, 130, Los Angeles, 2-3 (2).

Bronco Billy Wright, 253, Salt Lake City, Utah, stopped William Campudoni, 196, El Paso, Texas, at 1:37 of the first round. Wright is 8-1 (6).

Daren Zenner, 159, Las Vegas, lucked out in a four-round split decision over James Rivas, 159, Phoenix. Zenner is 4-0 (2); Rivas 1-1.

James Mason, 159, Las Vegas, TKO'd Albert Garcia, 161, Albuquerque, New Mexico, at 2:04 of the third round, recording his third straight kayo. Garcia is 5-10 (5).

(2-15-91)

Jack Welsh

NEW JERSEY

ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Castle—One could hardly have asked for a better matchup: In a minor surprise, **Terrence Alli**, 140, New York City, 45-7-2 (18), lifted the NABF junior crown from a stunned **John Meekins**, 140, New York City, 23-3-2 (17), by winning a 12-round unanimous decision. All three judges, Eugene Grant, Thomas Kaczmarek, and visiting official Paul Harris (Pennsylvania), agreed on a score of 117-111. Steve Smoger refereed.

In a punishing shootout, Loren Ross, 209½, Nashville, TKO'd Melton Bowen, 219, Philadelphia, at 2:42 of the third. Referee: Earl Morton.

Junior Jones, 116½, New York City, stopped an overmatched Marco Claudio, 118, San Juan, at 1:28 of the second. Referee: Morton.

Albert Cora, 156, Troy, New York, scored a stunning knockout of touted Donny Leonardo, 155, New York City, at 2:16 of the first. Referee: Morton.

In a battle of southpaws, promising Pedro Saiz, 141½, New York City, kayoed Paul Denard, 142, Trenton, at 2:14 of the first. Referee: Smoger.

Localite Rodney Knox, 158, and Ricky Thomas, 157, Troy, fought to a split draw over four dreadful rounds. Referee: Smoger.

Promoters: Bob Arum, Frank Gelb

Matchmaker: Ron Katz

Judges: Al DeVito replaced Harris on the undercard

Attendance: 800 (estimated)

TV: ESPN

(1-20-91)

J.R. Jowett

ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Hotel Casino—World super middleweight condender **Tony Thornton**, 164¾, Glassboro, 27-4-1 (22), stopped **Eddie Hall**, 164¾, Pittsburgh, 20-8 (11), at 2:10 of the first round. Thornton had predicted a first-round victory. Referee: Joe Cortez.

Undefeated Tim Littles, 162¾, Flint, Michigan, 10-0 (7), had all he could handle in winning an eight-round unanimous decision over Willie Douglas, 160¼, Islip, New York, 6-3 (2). Referee: Cortez.

Southpaw Kevin Tillman, 152, Philadelphia, 4-0 (3), won a four-round unanimous decision over Abbi Vega, 150¼, Astoria, New York, 1-2. Referee: Frank Cappuccino.

Ralph Jones, 139, McKeesport, Pennsylvania, 1-0, TKO'd Tyrone Brown, 138, Philadelphia, 0-1, at 2:28 of the first round. Referee: Cappuccino.

In an amateurish six-rounder, Anthony Williams, 174, Millville, 2-3, won a unanimous decision over Sean Hart, 178¾, Hellertown, Pennsylvania, 2-1-1. Referee: Cappuccino.

Promoter: Peltz Boxing Promotions

Matchmaker: Russell Peltz

TV: SportsChannel America

Judges: Joe Pasquale, John Stewart, Jean Williams

Attendance: 871

(1-21-91)

Fred Blumstein

ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Taj Mahal's Mark Etess Arena—**Tony Martin**, 139, Philadelphia, 22-3 (6), inspired by 17 busloads of hometown fans on hand to cheer him on, won an exciting and competitive 12-round decision over **Donald Allison**, 140, Georgetown, Guyana, via Brooklyn. Al DeVito scored 115-113, Vinnie Rainone 116-112, and Eugene Grant 118-110. Tony Orlando refereed. Allison, who has yet to engage in a bout that didn't go the distance, is 12-2-1 (0).

Slowly but steadily gaining ground, Freddie Liberatore, 126, Bayside, New York, scored a sensational kayo over tough Michael Green, 125½, Plainfield, at 3:00 of the fourth. Referee: Rudy Battle.

Freddie Valera, 136, Santo Domingo via New York City, and Roland Commings, 137¾, Youngstown, Ohio, ended in a split draw after a frustrating six. Referee: Orlando.

Glenn Odem, 164, Youngstown, looked good halting dangerous Jose Avila, 163, Honduras via New York City, at 38 seconds of the fourth and final round. Referee: Orlando.

A running Derrick Parks, 139, Easton, Pennsylvania, was lucky to get a majority decision over southpaw Robin David, 136½, Brooklyn, in a tedious four. Referee: Battle.

John Kenny, 157, New York City, was bold enough to step inside the roundhouse swings of lanky Jerry Smith, 157, Vineland, to drop him once in each round for a TKO at 2:27 of the second. Referee: Battle.

Promoters: Bob Arum, Frank Gelb

Matchmaker: Ron Katz

Attendance: 2,500 (estimated)

TV: ESPN

(2-1-91)

ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Castle—An attractive match on paper proved a mild letdown, as **Frank Tate**, 175, Houston, won a 10-round unanimous decision over **Uriah Grant**, 175, Miami. The bout was fast-paced, but primarily with the feet, not the hands. Tate fought entirely in reverse, setting a pace that was at times almost dizzying.

To his credit, Tate was remarkable in the output and accuracy of his offense, but his punches

weren't the kind the fans wanted to see. The former IBF middleweight champion threw almost nothing but jabs, having no trouble finding the mark on the advancing Grant.

Tate, 27-2 (15), was cleanly outscoring Grant, 19-9 (18), who exhibited little ability to alter the terms. He looked like he might still have a chance of catching up in the seventh, when the Texan sustained a cut left eye from an apparent clash of heads. But Tate just moved even faster and threw more jabs.

Lynne Carter scored 118-110, John Stewart 117-112, and Deborah Barnes 119-109. Steve Smoger refereed.

Jake "The Snake" Rodriguez, 141, Central Islip, New York, got a roundly booed eight-round split decision over Carl Griffith, 140, Youngstown. No one deserved to win in this dreadful display of ineffectiveness. Scoring: 77-75 (twice) and 74-78. Referee: Ted Pick.

A worse decision was the four-round majority verdict given to Juan Martinez, 126, Dallas, over Stevie Young, 125, St. Louis. Young was in trouble early, but was outboxing Martinez by the last two rounds. Referee: Pick.

Ballyhooed former college linebacker Derek Isaman, 220, Columbus, Ohio, kayoed Corey Coulter, 201, Albany, at 2:04 of the first. Coulter, who couldn't get off a punch, took a fearsome clubbing, then was drilled to the canvas by an Isaman right. Referee: Smoger.

Southpaw cutie Lonnie Davis, 159, New York City, had too much reach and too many moves for straight-ahead Andrew Council, 156½, Washington, D.C., and took a unanimous verdict in an untidy four. Referee: Pick.

Promoters: Bob Arum, Frank Gelb
Matchmaker: Ron Katz
Attendance: 1,000 (estimated)
TV: ESPN
(2-10-91)

J.R. Jowett

ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina—In a heavyweight crossroads fight between two former Olympians, **Riddick Bowe**, 225½, Brooklyn, was far too strong, as he overpowered **Tyrell Biggs**, 225, Philadelphia, en route to an eighth-round TKO.

The fight started fast as Bowe, 22-0 (20), staggered Biggs, 19-4 (12), in the first 30 seconds. As Bowe kept the pressure on, Biggs connected with a left hook that backed up the New Yorker.

Biggs enjoyed brief moments of success with a stinging left jab and managed to wobble Bowe in round three after Bowe dropped his hands taunted him. But as the fight wore on, Biggs began to tire and Bowe overpowered him. A chopping right sent Biggs down early in round eight, and a right-left-right finished him. Referee Frank Cappuccino didn't bother to count and waved the fight off at the 2:17 mark.

Bowe, a 1988 super heavyweight silver medalist, led on all three cards: Phil Newman, 68-65, Lynn Carter, 67-66, and Al DeVito, 67-66. Biggs won the super heavyweight gold at the 1984 Olympics.

In the co-feature, 38-year-old two-time world champion Dwight Muhammad Qawi, 197, Lindenwold, stopped journeyman Bert Gravely, 199, Beckley, West Virginia, at 2:36 of the third round. Qawi is 33-8-1 (19); Gravely 19-10 (10).

Curtis Peoples, 146½, Palmer Park, Maryland, won a four-round unanimous decision over debuting Horace Waterson, 145, Rockville, Maryland. Peoples is 2-0 (1).

Gerard Jones, 186½, New York City, won a four-round unanimous decision over Ricky Erwing, 190, New York City. Jones is 2-0; Erwing 0-2.

Mpush Mpule, 149, Washington, D.C., scored a first-round knockout over Julio Torres, 149, Hartford, Connecticut. Mpule is 3-0 (1); Torres 3-4-1.

Promoter: Gelb Promotions
Referees: Arthur Mercante, Frank Cappuccino
TV: ABC
(3-2-91)

Robert Cassidy

OHIO

COLUMBUS—Valley Dale Ballroom—**Eric Podolak**, 142, Pittsburgh, won a unanimous eight-round decision over **Jerry Massey**, 140, Cincinnati. Podolak, 11-1, controlled the action, with the exception of a rocking right from Massey, 5-15, in the fourth round.

Jeff Trimble, 128, Youngstown, 3-1, pounded out a unanimous six-round decision over Bobby Adams, 125, Columbus, 2-7, in a good brawl.

In a toe-to-toe war, Andy Wong, 146, Windsor, Ontario, and Cornell Rhodes, 147½, Columbus, battled to a four-round draw.

Bill Melsop, 212, Columbus, scored a second-round TKO over Tracey Todd, 210, Youngstown. Melsop, 5-2, threw Todd, 0-2, to the canvas in the first round and nearly out of the ring in the second. The fight was stopped with Todd claiming a knee injury.

Terry Green, 165, Columbus, registered a third-round stoppage of Chris Doolittle, 169, Akron. Doolittle did little more than block punches, so referee Don Maley stopped the bout at 1:30 of the third.

Brian Butler, 195½, Columbus, 4-0, knocked out Elvis Sims, 185, Windsor, with a straight right 15 seconds into the second.

Troy Speakman, 161, Columbus, 1-0, knocked out Kevin Crowe, 156, Defiance, 0-1, with a flurry of punches in 16 seconds.

Promoter: Stan Harris
Matchmaker: Gregg Augustine
Attendance: 1,100 (estimated)
(2-21-91)

CLEVELAND—Slovenian National Home—**Harry Terrell**, 234, Cleveland, outclassed **Art Card**, 211, Cleveland, to capture the vacant Ohio heavyweight title with an eighth-round TKO win. It was a humiliating defeat for the 28-year-old Card, 9-3-1 (4), as he was outboxed, outbrawled, and outconditioned by a man 11 years his senior. Terrell, 17-14-1 (8), was declared the winner when Card quit on his stool after eight rounds.

Tony Rodriguez, 146½, Cleveland, looked tough in banging out a unanimous decision over Rodney Tatum, 149½, Akron, in an eight-rounder. Rodriguez, 9-1 (4), and Tatum 5-8 (1), were both staggered during the fight.

In a bloody six-round battle, Lee Smith, 155½, Findlay, had a decisive final round to snare a unanimous decision over Gino Calvillo, 153, Cleveland.

LaMark Davis, 153½, Dayton, dominated Sam DeLeon, 152½, Cleveland, until the fight was stopped at 2:28 of the fifth, with DeLeon in deep trouble.

Roy Caldwell, 139¾, Urichsville, was too aggressive for Bernard Grant, 142, Cleveland, and came away with a unanimous four-round verdict.

Promoter: Rivera-Kelly Productions
Matchmaker: Mark Rivera

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Attendance: 600 (estimated)
(2-22-91)

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PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon—**Calvin Grove**, 129, Coatesville, 38-3 (14), who survived knockdowns in the first and 10th rounds, outboxed **Julian Solis**, 127, San Juan via Hartford, 40-11-1 (21), to earn a unanimous 10-round decision. Grove scored a knockdown of his own in the seventh in this action-packed affair. Paul Harris scored 48-42, Alfreda Armstrong 45-43, and Ron Greenley 46-43. Rudy Battle refereed.

In an excellent welterweight bout, Stephan Johnson, 147, Brooklyn, TKO'd Joey "Bugsy" Ferrell, 150, Philadelphia, at 1:00 of the eighth round. Referee: Ron Aurit.

Touted Joe Gatti, 159, Jersey City, TKO'd Aaron Smith, 159, Gaithersburg, Maryland, at 52 seconds of the third. Referee: Aurit.

Jimmy DeOria, 133, Phoenixville, won a six-round decision over tricky Phil Carter, 132, Philadelphia. Referee: Aurit.

Damon Feldman, 162½, Broomall, won a four-round unanimous decision over tough Eduardo Calderon, 163½, Lancaster. Referee: Battle.

Leo Edwards, 154, Philadelphia, was awarded a thoroughly undeserved majority verdict over Eric Holland, 153, Philadelphia, in a wild and bruising six. Referee: Battle.

Promoter & Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz
Attendance: 850 (estimated)
TV: USA Network
(1-8-81)

READING—Reading High—Local hero **Steve Little**, 164, steadily wore down substitute **Mike Brown**, 155, with a head and body attack to score a ninth-round TKO. Referee Ron Aurit stopped the contest before the bell for the 10th round.

Fernando Rodriguez, 127½, Lancaster, TKO'd Francis Childs, 128, Chester via Scranton, at 1:40 of the fifth round. Referee: Tony Wolfe.

Ed Mack, 176, Philadelphia, TKO'd tough Dexter Mason, 175½, Washington, D.C., at 1:50 of the first. Referee: Aurit.

Dino "Rocky" Iaccarino, 158¾, Reading, won a four-round majority decision over Herbie Chapman, 161½, Wilmington, Delaware. Referee: Aurit.

In the best bout of the night, Luis Morales, 155½, Lancaster, was a little too sharp in gaining a unanimous decision over willing Felix Torres, 150, Lancaster, in a fiercely contested four. Referee: Wolfe.

Promoter: Richard Hivner
Matchmaker: Harold Moore
Attendance: 700 (estimated)
Judges: Ron Greenley, Guy Richardson, Alfreda Armstrong
(1-26-91)

PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon—Promoter Russell Peltz got a late call to fill in a TV date and did a yeoman job in putting together one of his best cards. The featherweight 12-rounder between **Myron Taylor**, 126, Philadelphia, and **Tony Green**, 125, Philadelphia, which was contested for the vacant state title, fulfilled expectations in both action and class.

After both men let everything go in torrid second-round infighting, Taylor, 29-9-2 (16), gave the kid a nod of respect at the bell. For the rest of the way, Green, 13-2-1 (10), alternated between boxing and banging, with the persistent Taylor keeping all the action close. Green landed the flashier and heavier punches, but Taylor's work ethic made it a tense confrontation.

Green took over the inside track in the seventh, as he unloaded everything in a withering barrage that Taylor appeared to equal. But Taylor was never the same after, the worried exhortations of brother Meldrick from a ringside seat notwithstanding.

In the ninth, Green unloaded again, and this time Taylor had no answer. Green looked poised and confident for the fateful 10th. When Taylor tried to pull away from a crunching volley to the body, he was hit with a left hook that wobbled him, and drew a standing eight from referee John Carroll. Green then hit the spent Taylor in his own corner until Carroll stopped it at 2:52.

Russian Sergei Artemiev, 134, Leningrad via Yonkers, New York, faced unknown Rafael Soliman, 135, Santo Domingo, who had never fought outside his home country. Artemiev, 9-1-1 (7), gave Soliman a rude welcome in the first, landing with an impressive display of quickness and agility. The surprised Soliman, 9-2 (9), a nifty little boxer, turned defensive after that.

A big rally in the fifth had Soliman ready to fall, but he broke the momentum by riding the Russian's neck. The action drew a penalty from referee Hurley McCall, but more importantly, saved Soliman from the brink of a kayo. Artemiev had to settle for a comfortable unanimous eight-round win.

William "The Hammer" Jones, 149½, Philadelphia, had no trouble dispatching veteran punching bag Nick Parker, 147½, Akron, at 1:28 of the second; scheduled for eight. Parker tried, but had no legs to withstand a wicked assortment of punches that dropped him three times.

Anthony Williams, 175, Millville, New Jersey, refused to stand and trade with flatfooted Tommy Pyfer, 180, Clifton Heights, Pennsylvania, and won an upset majority decision in an interesting six. Referee: Carroll.

Kyle Kramer, 129, Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, dropped Mike Wallace, 130, Philadelphia, twice in the first round, and stopped him for good at 25 seconds of the second. Referee: McCall.

Hurt in the first, Anthony Pastel, 134, Philadelphia, came on to outlast southpaw Kevin Seaborn, 135, Philadelphia, for a unanimous win in a punishing four. Referee: Carroll.

Matchmaker: Russell Peltz
Judges: Al Morris, Guy Richardson, Myra Grant
TV: SportsChannel America
Attendance: 750 (estimated)
(1-28-91)

PHILADELPHIA—The Blue Horizon—From time to time, Joe Frazier and company promote a club card to keep their fighters happy and working. **Ronnie Hammonds**, 147, Philadelphia, a classy little fighter who has never put his career in gear, was upset via an eight-round unanimous decision by returning **Frank Montgomery**, 146, Philadelphia. The compact Hammonds, a slick boxer despite his lack of reach, should have stayed at lightweight. The effort of dealing with Montgomery's size, as well as his ability, quickly took its toll, and Hammonds was issued a low blow penalty from referee Charlie Sgrillo in the third.

Hammonds began to wilt in the middle sessions, as "The Silk's" long jab and boxing skills took over. But rather than accepting defeat, Hammonds roared back with a kamikaze attack in the seventh. Montgomery, who looked surprisingly fresh and sharp considering his long inactivity, held his own in see-saw trading to a frenzied finish. Tommy Reid had it 78-75, George Hill 78-74, and Marsha Taylor a preposterous 80-73.

In the co-feature, Robert Folley, 179, Irvington, New Jersey, stopped Robert Underwood, 180, Cincinnati, who was a second substitute, at 1:09 of the second round. Referee: Frank Cappuccino.

"King" Solomon, 130, Trenton, New Jersey, upset Gene Reed, 130, Scranton, by majority verdict in a raucous six. Neither the crafty Solomon nor the busy Reed could effectively apply their style, resulting in a bitter tug o' war, but King broke free enough to land some sharp volleys in spurts, and definitely merited the edge. Referee: Cappuccino.

Rebounding from a loss, southpaw spoiler Ernest Kennedy, 162, Philadelphia, got a surprisingly good fight out of stubborn Ali Bey, 160, Wilmington, Delaware, in a punishing six. Referee: Cappuccino.

Robert Hightower, 142½, Philadelphia, having had some tough matches in his short career, was too much for young Luis Andino, 142, Philadelphia, and took a unanimous decision in a punishing six. Referee: Sgrillo.

After solid trading, Chandler Durham, 169, Philadelphia, dropped Robbie Jordan, 170, Palmerton, twice for a TKO at 2:17 of the first. Referee: Sgrillo.

Eddie Dennis, 153, Philadelphia, started strong, then barely eked out an unpopular split decision over a determined Kilpatrick Mitchell, 152½, Trenton, in an action-packed four. Referee: Sgrillo.

Promoter: Tom Frazier
Matchmaker: Harold Moore
Attendance: 700 (estimated)
(2-11-91)

PHILADELPHIA—Northeast National Guard Armory—Steeped in controversy, **Matthew Saad Muhammad's** latest attempt at regaining lost glory finally came off after numerous delays. Saad, 178, Pleasantville, New Jersey, lost a unanimous verdict to upstart **Ed Mack**, 175, Philadelphia, in a semifinal eight on a card dedicated to Operation Desert Storm. Though obviously past the point of no return, the veteran gave a credible account in an interesting and dramatic bout that produced none of the anticipated horror-show fascination. The bad news is, Saad, who earned $1,800, wants to continue.

The ambitious Mack came out and slammed into the former champion like a truck, jolting him with

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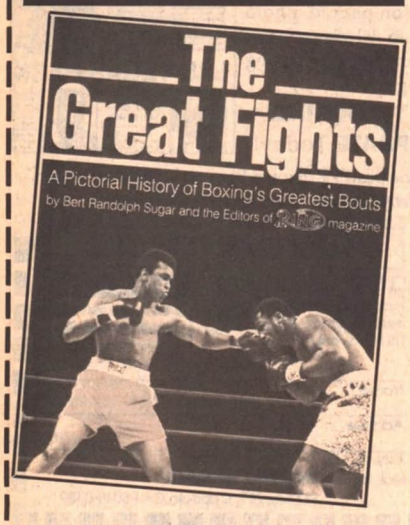

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hooks that left Saad on trembling legs. In the second, Saad tumbled to the canvas, pulling Mack down on top of him. Referee Rudy Battle let him off with a slip.

In the middle rounds, Saad called up his reserve of courage and made a fight of it. Moving with surprising swiftness on legs that had seemed unequal to the task earlier, he peppered with his jab and occasionally crossed a promising right. But upon reaching the penultimate round, Mack surged again. The gallant Saad absorbed some shots, but stood up well to a stirring finish.

Adelaide Tyndale scored 77-75, Lynne Carter 78-75, and Paul Harris 77-74, as Saad dropped to 38-12-3. Mack rose to 11-1.

"I'm not going to stop," Saad announced. "I know some people felt I won the fight. And that's going to keep me going."

Most of the crowd walked out before the main event. Kevin Watts, 169¾, Pleasantville, New Jersey, ended up gaining a boring unanimous verdict over reactivated stinkout artist Hector Rosario, 169¼, Bronx. Referee: Battle.

Bernard Hopkins, 165, Germantown, kayoed Richie Quiles, 158½, Brooklyn, with a beautiful left hook 30 seconds into the fight. Referee: Ozzie Sadler.

In a clash of lefties, Kevin Tillman, 153, Philadelphia, exhorted the crowd like a cheerleader while he rolled to a unanimous win over James Mazzucca, 153½, Philadelphia; four. Referee: Battle.

Gino "Rocky" Iaccarino, 161, Reading, TKO'd Al Hackett, 166, Camden, who quit after two rounds of a scheduled four. Referee: Sadler.

Inspired by Saad, former Atlantic City favorite Glen Costales, 157, Pleasantville, returned after some five years, but tired and dropped a unanimous decision to pesky Kilpatrick Mitchell, 156, Trenton; four.

Promoter: Tony Tancredi
Matchmaker: Mickey Hauck
Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(2-26-91)

J.R. Jowett

TENNESSEE

LA VERGNE—La Vergne High School—**Ken Atkin**, 10-3, a police officer in the nearby town of Smyrna, didn't need a night stick to deal with **John Simmons**, Memphis, in a light heavyweight bout scheduled for 10. Atkin, 173, who has been mentioned as a tuneup opponent for Thomas Hearns and Roberto Duran, scored his fifth kayo, which came from a rib-crunching bodyshot 48 seconds into the second round. Simmons, 168, fell to 8-2.

Loren Ross, 208, Nashville, 19-1 (13), stopped Memphis' Robert Thomas, 200, at 1:41 of the second after four knockdowns.

Dave Wolf protege Lennard Jackson, 160, New York City, 4-0 (3), stopped Tim Moore, 152, Nashville, 1-2, at 1:39 of the first in a scheduled four. As a bald, black lefty, Jackson bears some resemblance to Marvin Hagler, but smiles a lot more. Wolf also brought up Ray Mancini and Don Lalonde in back-road towns and away from the limelight.

Buddy West, Nashville, scored a fourth-round stoppage over veteran loser Simmie Black, Memphis. West, 127, 3-1, is a former National Golden Gloves champion. Black, 132, has more than 200 bouts and about 50 wins.

Roy Bedwell, 180, Lexington, used his experience to take a majority four-round decision over Tim Johnson, 175, Nashville, who lost a draw when he was deducted a point for holding in final round. Bedwell is 24-7; Johnson 2-1.

James Spears, 213, won a four-round unanimous nod over Chattanooga's Kenneth Bentley, 200. Spears is 8-5-1; Bentley 17-14.

Local product Don Wilford, 3-0, won a four-round nod over Memphis' Tommy Jeans; middleweights.

Promoter: Club Knockout
Matchmaker: Kerry Pharr
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(2-8-91)

GOODLETTSVILLE—T. Michael's Dance Club—**Kenneth Kidd**, 15-5, used his experience to outhustle green **Howard "Stinger" Stern**, 153, Omaha, Nebraska, 9-3, over 10 hard-fought rounds. Kidd, 153, Jackson, took charge in the final six rounds by winning a series of rousing exchanges. Scores: 98-92, 97-93, and a way-out-of-line 100-99 (that's right, *nine* even rounds).

Heavyweight Jerry "Wimpy" Halstead, ranked 25th by the WBC, won his 15th straight since a 1988 loss to Buster Douglas, scoring a fourth-round TKO over game Mike Russell, 233, Decatur, Arkansas. Halstead, a former O'Grady fighter from Oklahoma City, improved to 70-7-1, scoring three knockdowns and a pair of standing eights. Russell is 17-9.

Hastead, 223, is gunning for a showdown with contender Tommy Morrison. "Keep in mind that he has yet to fight anybody under 30 who has any credibility," said the 27-year-old Wimpy. "He's trying to go over me or around me."

Another Oklahoma City product, skilled Buck Smith, 65-2 (45), TKO'd Nashville's Jarvis McMillian, 0-3, in the second round of a four. Smith, 154, is rated 16th by the WBC and has lost only to Robert Wangila.

Two Music City USA products had their debuts spoiled in scheduled fours. Middleweight Tracy Edlin fell in the third round by TKO to Mark Gordon, Webb City, Missouri, who was also debuting.

Dick Flint, Joplin, Missouri, 4-0, spoiled the coming out of local middleweight Tony Upchurch via unanimous decision.

Referee: Steve Murff
Judges: Dalen Smith, Frank Primm, Brent Vandiver
Physician: Dr. Ross Fleming
Promoter: T. Michael's
Attendance: 150 (estimated)
(2-19-91)

Tommy Deas

MEMPHIS—Omni-New Daisey Theatre—**Freddie Ladd**, 147, West Memphis, Arkansas, stopped **Rocky Vires**, 150, Oklahoma City, in the fifth round. Ladd towered over Vires and took control from the outset. Vires was hammered in round four and received a standing eight-count. Ladd ended it with a left-right combination at 1:20 of the fifth.

Roy Bedwell, 177, pounded out a four-round unanimous decision over Eric French, 173, Memphis; light heavyweights.

In a scheduled six-rounder, Scotty Smith, 169, Little Rock, stopped Johnny Simmons, 171, Memphis, at 2:20 of the third round.

Sofian Sharof, 156, Jerusalem, Israel, 1-0 (1), stopped Willie Johnson, 147, Memphis, at 1:31 of the first round.

In the opener, Russell Dickson, 181, Memphis, won a four-round decision over Stanley White, 175, Memphis.

Promoter: Mid-South Boxing
Matchmaker: Red Fortner
Judges: Ken Roach, Jim Denny, Tim Dwyer, Parnell Dwyer, Jim Harbor, Haywood Watts
Referees: Sam Garland, Jim Kidd, Sonny Bauman
Physician: Dr. Susan Lindsey
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
(3-5-91)

Michael Glenn

TEXAS

McALLEN—**Anthony Stephens** won a split decision over **Jaime "Rocky" Balboa** in a 10-round super lightweight contest. A lot of ringsiders thought that Balboa deserved the verdict.

Betillo Cantu won a decision over Javier Diaz; 10 rounds, flyweights.

Alejandro Rios scored a first-round kayo over Richard Garcia; middleweights.

Ricky Salazar won a decision over Tomas Barrientos; featherweights.

Jose Sanchez took a decision from Bebe de la Rosa; featherweights.
(2-5-91)

Bruce Williams

CANADA

QUEBEC

LAVAL—The Palace—Former Canadian lightweight champion **Gaetan Hart**, 139, had his comeback temporarily stopped when he dropped a 10-round verdict to Ottawa's own lightweight pride, **Greg Gayle**, 136. Hart, who had launched a comeback by handing a boxing lesson to prospect Michel Galarneau, never got started. Gayle kept his distance and jabbed all fight long. Hart is 55-28-5. The seldom-active Gayle is 9-5.

Top Montreal lightweight prospect Howard Grant, 136, scored the best win of his career by stopping former champion John Kalbhenn, 135, in seven one-sided rounds. Dropped in the fourth round and well-beaten in every department, Kalbhenn did not come out for the seventh round. Grant is 8-0-1; Kalbhenn 23-9-2.

Montreal featherweight Vittorio Salvatore, 5-0-1, stopped Calgarian Reggie Johnson, 4-7, in the

fourth of a scheduled six-rounder.

Middleweight Normand Pearson was fortunate in getting a six-round draw with Toronto's Frenchie Langlois. Pearson is 3-2-1; Langlois 6-5-1.

Laval lightweight Kevin Adams went 2-0, stopping Gaetan Paquette 2-7, Hull, in two rounds.

Montreal welterweight Hughes Daigneault, 0-2, lost a four-round verdict to Torontonian Fitzroy Bruney, 1-0.

Promoter: Henry Spitzer

Referee (main event): Guy Jutras

Attendance: 1,000

(12-12-90)

SASKATCHEWAN

MOOSE JAW—Civic Centre—In a rare card in this province, the Canadian heavyweight title changed hands when **Conroy Nelson**, Calgary, stopped defending champion **Ken Lakusta** in eight rounds. In his fourth try at the title, Nelson boxed in flurries and used bodypunching to floor veteran Lakusta, Edmonton, in the sixth round and generate a surrender. Nelson was said to be 33-9 (18), but this writer has a 19-14-2 (11) record for the new champion. Lakusta is 20-17-0 (12).

Former featherweight champion Tony Pep scored his third comeback win, knocking out Denver's Richie Fowler in the first round. Pep is 21-4 (12).

Tacoma featherweight Rodney Hughes scored a fourth-round stoppage over Denver's Francesco Landin.

Debuting Calgary middleweight Rodney Symonds scored a first-round kayo over Cliff Powder, Edmonton.

Also making his pro debut, Calgary welterweight Cliff Likness Jr. won a six-round verdict over Phoenix's Henry Perez.

Promoter: Ron Keller

Attendance: 2,000 (estimated)

(12-14-90)

Michel Gladu

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

PUERTO PLATA—Former IBF junior bantamweight champion **Cesar Polanco** returned from a four-year layoff to score a fourth-round kayo over **Rafael Ramos Toribio**; bantamweights.

Armando Ramos fought to a 12-round draw with Sergio Morales for the vacant Dominican welterweight title. Ramos is the former Dominican junior welterweight champion.

(1-26-91)

SANTO DOMINGO—**Rafael Ortiz** retained the Dominican junior welterweight title when **Ramon Gonzalez** was disqualified in the fourth of a scheduled 12-rounder.

Julio Cesar Perez registered a first-round kayo over Carmelo Fernandez to win the vacant Dominican junior flyweight title. Perez, 12-0 (9), won the title that was held by Rafael Torres.

Rafael Meran decisioned Pascual Polanco over 10 rounds; featherweights.

Narciso Rodriguez scored a second-round kayo over Antonio Ramos; mini flyweights, scheduled for eight.

Vidal Rodriguez registered a first-round kayo over Appolinar Linares; welterweights; scheduled for six.

Carlos Montero won a six-round decision over Nelson Gil; junior lightweights.

(1-31-91)

Bruce Williams

MEXICO

MERIDA—**Otilio Gallegos** defeated **Luis Ruiz Lizarraga**; 10 rounds, super bantamweights. Gallegos, ranked ninth here, is back on the winning track.

(1-30-91)

MEXICO CITY—**Eduardo "Lalo" Cruz** registered a second-round kayo over **Gabino Mendoza** in a 10-round welterweight bout. Cruz, 21-0 (21), ended the fight with a right to the chin. Mendoza, 8-2, wobbled the southpaw in the first with a left-right combination.

Justo Zuniga scored a third-round kayo over Armando Navarro; mini flyweights.

Mauro Posadas scored a second-round kayo over Angel Castillo; super lightweights.

Jose Luis Villagram fought to a six-round draw with Javier Serrano; super lightweights.

Manuelo Tellez scored a first-round TKO over Felix Amaro; lightweights.

(2-2-91)

TIJUANA—**Luis Ramon Campas** scored a third-round kayo over **Roman Nunez** in a 10-round super welterweight bout. Campas, 31-0, dropped Nunez twice in the second and twice more in the third. Nunez, the Mexican super welterweight champion, was fighting a non-title bout.

Andres Sandoval scored a second-round kayo over Francisco Martinez Lagunas; lightweights.

Miguel Maikito scored a first-round kayo over Eduardo Reyes; flyweights.

Adolfo Castillo won a decision over Juventino Delgado; flyweights.

Venustiano Paredes won a decision over Heriberto Valdez; welterweights.

(2-4-91)

MEXICO CITY—Venezuela's **Santiago Caballero** kayoed **Alejandro Zarate** in the second round of a 10-round bantamweight bout. After intense trading, Caballero landed a cruncher to the jaw, and Zarate was down for the count.

Victor Peralta took a decision from Rafael Campos; super bantamweights.

Alejandro Pina won a decision over Raul Martinez; super lightweights.

Ignacio Aguilar registered a fourth-round TKO over Antolin Alvarez; flyweights.

Alejandro Gomez scored a fourth-round kayo over Aniceto Almonte; lightweights.

Jorge Barrera decisioned Lauro Serrano; flyweights.

(2-6-91)

MEXICO CITY—**Javier Jauregui** registered a third-round TKO over **Tommy Valdez** in a 10-round super bantamweight fight. Jauregui, 21-1-1 (16), dominated with his attack to the body and head. The winner suffered a cut on the inside of his mouth that caused the doctor to visit his corner between rounds. Valdez was finished by a tremendous right to the head. The referee stopped the fight at the 1:34 mark.

Albino Rosas scored a fourth-round TKO over Miguel Angel Cornejo; super featherweights.

Marco Antonio Barrera registered a fourth-round kayo over Esteban Rodriguez; flyweights.

Porfirio Rabanales scored a fifth-round TKO over Ismael Ruiz; bantamweights.

Armando Lopez won a four-round decision over Guadalupe Cano; featherweights.

(2-9-91)

MEXICO CITY—**Ismael Benitez** rose from the floor in the third to score a fourth-round TKO over **Abel Andres Cruz** in a 10-round flyweight battle. Benitez dominated most of the fight with long rights and combinations. After being decked in the third, he launched a furious attack that caused the referee to stop the fight.

Rosalino Gonzalez scored a sixth-round TKO over Antonio Vega; super flyweights.

Jose Montes scored a second-round TKO over Carlos Escobar; featherweights.

Antonio Garcia won a four-round decision over Oscar Vargas; flyweights.

Frnacisco Mendoza scored a second-round TKO over Prospero Mendoza; bantamweights.

(2-13-91)

GOMEZ PALACIO—**Gregorio Vargas Jr.** won a 12-round unanimous decision over **Ulises Chong** to capture the vacant Mexican featherweight title. Vargas dropped Chong three times and dominated throughout. Chong hurt Vargas in the eighth, but was decked later that round. After the 10th, Chong fought to survive.

Jorge Castro scored a seventh-round TKO over Jorge Palomares; junior lightweights.

Ismael Diaz fought his way to a draw with "Martillo" Jaquez.

Juan Angel Macias won a unanimous decision over Leobardo Mancillas; super featherweights.

(2-15-91)

MEXICO CITY—**Jesus Montiel** won a unanimous decision over **Noe Santillana** in a 10-round super flyweight bout. Montiel, 11-0 (8), won a sensational battle. (This bout became the main event when Mexican welterweight champion Sulio Sanchez pulled out of his title defense against Jesus Cardenas.) Montiel dropped his foe in the first, but Santillana rebounded to put his younger rival down in the fifth and sixth rounds. Both the winner and loser were battle-scarred at the end. Scores: 95-92 (twice) and 96-92.

Juan Gonzalez scored a fourth-round TKO over Luis Lugo; mini flyweights.

Gerardo Garcia registered a third-round kayo over Oscar Moreno; mini flyweights.

Isaias Velazquez scored a fifth-round knockout

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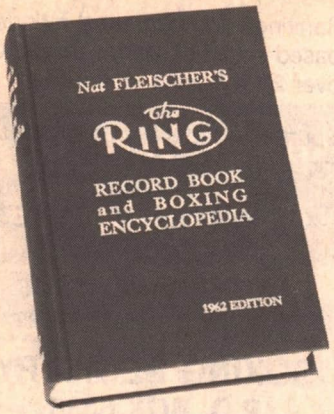

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over Emilio Silva; featherweights.
Felipe Castillo scored a first-round kayo over Armando Castro; mini flyweights.
(2-16-91)

MEXICO CITY—Jose Luis Zepeda won a split decision over **Justo Zuniga** in a 10-round mini flyweight fight. Zepeda overcame a cut on the right eyebrow to edge his southpaw foe.
Atanasio Villarreal scored a third-round TKO over Octavio Santos; bantamweights.
Max Llano scored a first-round kayo over Gilberto Flores; lightweights.
Enrique Angeles scored a first-round TKO over Juan de Dois Palomares; bantamweights.
Raul Sanchez registered a second-round kayo over Doroteo Martinez; super bantamweights.
Ricardo Martinez TKO'd Oscar Alvarado in the second round; super featherweights.
(2-20-91)

POZA RICA—Antoino Perez retained the Mexican mini flyweight title with a TKO over **Javier Juarez** at the start of the fourth round. Perez, 33-2-4 (26), retained the crown for the first time. The challenger dominated the first round, but Perez took control in the second and cut his opponent in the third. The doctor stopped the fight before the bell for the fourth.
Chato Velasco scored a sixth-round TKO over Javier Sanchez.
(2-22-91)

MEXICO CITY—Jesus Cardenas, 8-2-1 (8), scored a ninth-round TKO over **Eduardo Cruz** to win the Mexican welterweight title that had been stripped from Sulio Sanchez. Cruz is 21-1 (21). Cardenas started to take control in the fifth with an inside attack. A tired Cruz managed to put Cardenas on the floor in the seventh, but was pinned against the ropes and pummeled in the ninth. The fight was stopped before the 10th.
Alejandro Gonzalez won a decison over Juan Carlos Ortigoza; featherweights.
Ramiro Buenrostro scored a fourth-round TKO over Martin Angeles; featherweights.
Ivan Martinez scored a third-round kayo over Martin Casilla; flyweights.
Manuel Tellez scored a second-round TKO over Jose Luis Jimenez; lightweights.
(2-23-91)

MEXICO CITY—Adolfo Anguiano scored a ninth-round TKO over **Raul Acosta** in a 10-round flyweight bout. Anguiano took control in the seventh.
Jose Mendez won a 10-round decision over former world champion Juan Jose Estrada; super lightweights. Estrada retired after the bout.
Marcelo Nava scored a fourth-round TKO over Leon Diaz; bantamweights.
Eduardo Gutierrez scored a first-round TKO over Valente Zavala; middleweights.
Jorge Barrera scored a fifth-round TKO over Sebastian Anica; flyweights.
(2-27-91)

CULIACAN—Alejandro Felix Montiel won a unanimous decision over **Raul Rios** in a 10-round mini flyweight contest. Montiel dominated throughout.
Luis Vazquez scored a second-round kayo over Alfredo Ramirez; middleweights.
Roberto Chavez won a decision over Martin Escamilla; super flyweights.
Connie Lopez scored a first-round kayo over Rodolfo Rustamante; lightweights.
Juan Garcia pounded out a decision over Alberto Ortega; mini flyweights.
Miguel Angel Uriarte won a decision over Manuel Montiel Jr.; bantamweights.
(2-28-91)

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PANAMA

PANAMA CITY—Carlos Murillo scored a seventh-round TKO over **Orlando Maestre** to win the vacant Latin American strawweight title. Murillo, 11-0, dominated the scheduled 12-round bout.
Comebacking former world champion Hilario Zapata registered a second-round kayo over Emilo Diaz in a scheduled 10-rounder; super flyweights.
William Rojas scored a fourth-round TKO over Hector Vazquez; junior welterweights.
Benedicto Murillo won a decision over Latin American mini flyweight champion Juan Torres in a non-title bout.
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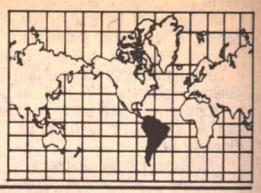

SOUTH AMERICA

BRAZIL

PARA

BELEM—Gil De Carvalho retained the South American junior welterweight title with a 12-round decision over Argentine **Jose Saldibia**.
(12-20-90)

BELEM—Geraldo Leite won a 10-round decision over **Francisco Thomaz da Cruz**; lightweights.
(1-24-91)

BELEM—Ronaldo Caldas outpointed **Mamilton Rodrigues** over 10 rounds; bantamweights.
Arao Macedo won the vacant Brazilian super bantamweight title with a fifth-round TKO over Almir Fernandes.
(1-31-91)

GUARUJA BEACH—Jose Carlos Costa scored a third-round kayo over Argentine **Ramon Pene**; lightweights.
(2-15-91)

BELEM—Rolando Caldas outpointed **Eloi Alcas**, Colombia, over 10 good rounds; bantamweights.
Attendance: 5,000 (estimated)
(2-21-91)

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COLOMBIA

SINCELEJO—Carlos Mercado TKO'd **Luis Berrio** in round two; bantamweights.
Miguel Julio stopped Carlos Rodriguez; lightweights.
(12-15-90)

MONTERIA—Alvaro Bohorquez, 29-6-1 (18), scored a fourth-round TKO over Jackson Becerra; featherweights.
(12-14-90)

TOLU—Sixto Jaramillo stopped **Nelson Benitez** in the first round; junior flyweights.
Gerwin Salgado kayoed Jose Perez in the second round; lightweights.
German Silgado stopped Remberto Cuadro in the third round; featherweights.
(12-6-90)

ARAUCA—Omar Cantillo won the vacant Colombian flyweight crown with a fourth-round kayo over **Gustavo Guevara**, Cucuta.
(2-10-91)

MONTERIA—Happy Lora Coliseum—Colombian marvel and 1988 Olympian **Jorge Eliecer Julio**, 17-0 (17), stopped Venezuelan **Jesus Florez**, 42-6, in the fifth round; bantamweights.
Alvaro Bohorquez, 30-6-1 (19), TKO'd Ramon Estrada when the doctor stopped the bout due to a cut; featherweights.
Local flyweight Pedro Salgado stopped Gonzalo Arboleda, Medellin, in the fourth round.
Juan Viloria, 2-0-1 (1), outpointed Jose Perea over six rounds; junior middleweights.
Debuting Aldairo Miranda gained a decision over Fidel Julio, 0-2, in four frames; strawweights.
Stevenson Miranda decisioned Alvaro Vega over four rounds; flyweights.
Attendance: 350
(2-15-91)

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GUYANA

GEORGETOWN—National Park—Local bantamweight champion **Michael Parris**, 122, had his hands full against Trinidad featherweight champion

Ulrick Johnson, 126. Parris, 15-3-1, who took the fight on 10 days notice, put on a good performance and controlled the last four rounds to win a close but unanimous decision. Johnson is 7-2.

In a 10-round semifinal, Anthony "The Pearle" Andrews, 147, punched his way to an impressive 10-round TKO over Trinidad welterweight champion Garfield Quasshi, 146. Quasshi, 3-2, was dropped five times. Andrews is 13-6-2.

Substitute Michael Miller, 134, 1-0-1, won an eight-round unanimous decision over Percy Baily, 127, Trinidad, 4-1.

Glenn Ford, 122, won his pro debut with a fourth-round TKO over fellow Guyanese Junior Drakes, 123, 1-1.

Promoters: McNeal Enterprises, Capital Ltd
(2-25-91)

Will Boodhoo

VENEZUELA

CARACAS—David Griman earned a shot at the WBA junior bantamweight title when **William Ramos** failed to answer the bell for the eighth round. Griman droped Ramos in the third and again in the seventh. Ramos' corner couldn't get him out for the next round.
(2-28-91)

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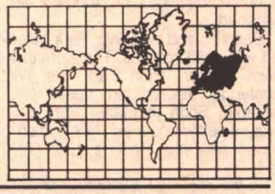

EUROPE

AUSTRIA

WEINER NEUSTAD—Harald Geier, the son of promoter Ernst Geier, scored an easy win as he stopped **Raso Tigan** on a cut in the second round; featherweights.

Ethiopian Yifru Shumev outpointed Branko Kuslakovic over four.
(2-15-91)

WEINER NEUSTAD—Former European junior middleweight champion **Edip Secovic** returned to action for the first time since 1989 and scored a second-round TKO over a reluctant **Eric Mustapha Cole**. Secovic floored Cole twice in the second round.

Mehmed Demir outpointed veteran American loser Nick Parker over eight rounds; welterweights.

Romanian Joan Lupu drew with Belgian Marc Piette; featherweights.

Yifru Shumev outpointed Esteban Perez over six rounds; super featherweights.
(3-1-90)

Eric Armit

GREAT BRITAIN

ENGLAND

BATTERSEA—Latchmere Leisure Centre—Former welterweight champion **Lloyd Honeyghan**, 155½, launching a comeback following his title-fight loss to Mark Breland last year, halted Mexican **Mario Olmedo**, 157½, in round four of a scheduled 10. The victory failed to cover up the stark reality that Honeyghan, 35-3, is a fighter in rapid decline whose once vaunted skills have all but eroded.

After a 10-month absence, it was predictable that Honeyghan's timing would be off. His jab lacked fluency and his combinations lacked precision. Olmedo proved a durable, though limited, performer. Referee Roy Francis stopped the bout at 1:00 of the fourth because of a cut over Olmedo's right eye.

Derek Angol, 196½, the Commonwealth cruiserweight champion, Grovesend, stopped American Dan Murphy, 199, in round nine of a scheduled 10. In a lackluster affair, Angol administered a sound beating. The end came at the 2:08 mark of round nine, with referee Richie Davies stepping in.

Duke McKenzie, 117½, Croydon, the former IBF flyweight titleholder, continued his campaign at bantamweight with a fifth-round stoppage of Peter Buckley, 124, Birmingham. McKenzie controlled the contest from the outset, and it soon became obvious that Buckley, although game, was just not in the Croydon man's class. Buckley was knocked down three times before referee Francis called a halt after 41 seconds of round five.
(1-10-91)

LONDON—Royal Albert Hall—**Delroy Bryan**, Nottingham, outpointed **Kirkland Laing**, Nottingham, over 12 rounds to annex the British welterweight title. In a gruelling fight, the tenacious challenger seemed too lively for the 36-year-old champion and was able to up the pace at key points. Laing struggled to contain the aggressive Bryan, who was adjudged a 118-117 winner by referee Mickey Vann.

European light welterweight champion Pat "Black Flash" Barrett stopped Jimmy Harrison, Wandsworth, after one round. Barrett was in excellent form and quickly had Harrison's left eye closed with stinging jabs and sharp right hands. Referee Larry O'Connell called a halt at the end of round one.
(1-16-91)

BRENTWOOD—Brentwood Leisure Centere—Commonwealth middleweight champion **Michael Watson** successfully defended the title with a sixth-round kayo of awkward but game Australian **Craig Trotter**. Watson began to assert his superiority with terrific rights, although his jab did not have the same potency.

Watson had a particularly good round five, and at the start of the sixth, the towel came in from the Australian's corner. Watson now goes on to a shot at the vacant European title against Irishman Steve Collins.

Shaun "The Guvnor" Cummins, 154, Leicester, outpointed Ian Chantler, 154, St. Helen's, over 10 rounds. Fireworks had been predicted, but it turned into a monotonous contest, with Cummins winning comfortably on the referee's card.
(1-23-91)

Brian Doogan

FRANCE

NICE—Abdeslam Joubij outpointed **Pierre Tshikuna** over six; light heavyweights.
(1-24-91)

CLERMOONT FERRAND—Christan Merle beat **Ahmed Khelfaoui**, who quit after the fifth round; lightweights.
(1-25-91)

AIRE SUR LA LYS—Vertean junior welterweight **Joel Dulys** won an eight-round decision over **Eric Corroyez**.
(1-26-91)

CRIEL—Kalid Rahilou outpointed **Mourad Mezouari** over eight rounds; junior welterweights.
(1-26-91)

BIARRITZ—Jean Marc Phenieux stopped **Christophe Vitu** in two rounds; welterweights.

MARMOUTIER—Mario Lavouiray, 12-7, kayoed **Didier Garcia** in the fifth round; junior welterweights.

Benoit Brillant decisioned Abdelkader Cherigui over six rounds; light heavyweights.
(1-26-91)

VILLEURBANNE—Pascal Nival outpointed **Eric Capoen** over six rounds; welterweights.
(2-2-91)

BEZIERS—Jean Pierre DiBateza outpointed American **Herbie Bivalaqua** over eight rounds; featherweights.

American Mike Garrow TKO'd Patrick Ballesta in the third round; welterweights.

Kermit Cain stopped Albert Mgimbi in the third round; junior middleweights.
(2-2-9)

BOULIAC—Veteran **Said Skouma** regained the vacant EBU light middleweight title with a controversial second-round TKO over **Jean-Claude Fontana**, who was counted out after unable to continue after a headbutt.

Colombian welterweight Pedro Padilla stopped Karim Rabbi in the fifth round; welterweights.

Alfredo Caceres, Colombia, won an eight-round decision over Karim Ouattra; welterweights.

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(2-2-91)

PONT DE CE—Former IBF junior featherweight champion **Fabrice Benichou** TKO'd American **Ben Baez** in the seventh round.
(2-2-91)

FORGES LES EAUX—**Pierre Lorcy**, 24-1, halted American **Keith Grimes** in the second round; lightweights.

Former European welterweight champion Antoine Fernandez stopped American Felix Dubray in the third round.

Ziare's Kialwe Kayumba, 19-0-1, stopped Laroussi Trabelsi in four rounds; junior welterweights.
(2-3-91)

BEAUSOLEIL—European super featherweight champion **Daniel Londas**, 53-7-1, easily outpointed **Senturk Ozdemir**, Turkey.

Faouzi Hattab beat Daniel Bicchieray via eye cut in the eighth round.

Former European light heavyweight champion Eric Nicoletta TKO'd American John Keyes in the fourth round.

Lahouari Bardai stopped Marc Molino in the second round; junior middleweights.
(2-8-91)

VILLEURBANNE—Light heavyweight **Fabrice Tiozzo**, whose brother is WBA super middleweight champion Christophe Tiozzo, kayoed Britisher **Paul McCarhty** in two rounds. Tiozzo is 14-0.

Hungarian Janos Varadi stopped Mustapha Hame on a cut in the sixth round; bantamweights.

Lumbala Tshimbamba drew with American Daniel Wingliels over six rounds.
(2-9-91)

SAINT DIZIER—Former European heavyweight champion **Jean Chanet** decisioned **Epiphone Yrius** over eight rounds and then announced his retirement.

Benoit Brillant stopped Alain Leboucher in the second round; light heavyweights.
(2-9-91)

SAINT MARTIN D'HERES—**Franck Nicotra** outpointed American **Jerome Kelly** over eight rounds; super middleweights.

Venezuelan Jose Rincones outpointed American Manuel Santiago over eight rounds; bantamweights.

Yacov Shmuel stopped Lionel Jean in the second round; super bantamweights.

In a super featherweight eight, Jean Paul Lopy decisioned Ernest Koffi.
(2-10-91)

FONTENAY SOUS BOIS—**Madhi Labdouni** stopped **Pascal Bellet** in the fourth round; featherweights.
(2-15-91)

DEAUVILLE—Former IBF junior featherweight champion **Fabrice Benichou** flattened American **Darryl Jones** in the first round of a disgraceful mismatch.

Panamanian southpaw Rodolfo Aguilar decisioned American Norman Bates in a good eight-rounder; junior welterweights.

Stephane Haccoun stopped Joudi Kholi in one; featherweights.

American Rod Hughes drew with Redha Abbas over six rounds.

Mike Garrow decisioned Pascal Lustenberger over six rounds.

American Sam Robinson won a six-round decision over Abdel Khaldi.

Kermit Cain drew with Oliver Gervais over six rounds.
(2-16-91)

Eric Armit

IRELAND

BELFAST—Maysfield Leisure Centre—Local-based Venezuelan **Crisanto "Claws" Espana**, 146½, gained a unanimous decision over **Luis Santana**, 146¾, Dominican Republic, in a cracking contest for the vacant WBC International welterweight title. Espana took control from the outset, exhibiting his full repertoire. But Santana lived up to his reputation for durability, taking everything that Espana had to offer and coming back for more. Espana was winning the rounds, but Santana never became discouraged, landing meaningful punches of his own.

After losing practically every one of the first 10 rounds, Santana rallied in the 11th to have Espana shaken and hurt. But Espana remained calm and, using his superior reach and skills, safely negotiated the heated onslaught and dominated the final round.

Harry Gibbs and Sid Nathan scored for Espana, 119-110 and 120-109, respectively. Referee Louis Michel scored 119-108. Espana is 22-0 (19).

On the undercard of this Eddie Shaw Memorial Fight Night, John Lowey, 122, Belfast, 13-0 (7), was far too classy for Spain's Francisco "Paco" Garcia, 123½, a substitute, and stopped him in round two of a scheduled eight. Hard hooks proved the deadliest weapon in his arsenal, and referee Barney Wilson intervened at the 1:31 mark of the second with Garcia in obvious distress.

In a light heavyweight contest, Crawford Ashley, 172¼, Leeds, fighting out of Belfast, knocked out American Melvin Ricks, 176½, Ohio, in round one. Ashley continually backed the American into corners and retained the initiative throughout. A snappy combination, which culminated in a hard right, sent Ricks to the canvas. Referee Barney Wilson counted him out at 3:00 of the first.

Oscar Checa, 151½, Panama, 7-0 (5), made short work of Nick Cope, 151½, Doncaster. Referee Dave Irving intervened at the 1:48 mark of round one.

Noel Magee, 177, Belfast, decisioned London's Roger McKenzie, 185, over six rounds. Referee Barney Wilson scored 59½-57½.

In the opener, Richie Wenton, 125½, Liverpool, 11-0, outpointed Derry's Sean Casey, 124, over four three-minute rounds. Referee Irving tabbed 40-38½.

Promoter: Eastwood Promotions
Attendance: 2,000 (estimated)
(2-12-91)

Brian Doogan

GERMANY

DUSSELDORF—Philips Hall—Germany's former IBF super middleweight champion **Graciano Rocchigiani**, 27, won a 12-round split decision over Britain's **Crawford Ashley**, 26, and captured the vacant European light heavyweight title in a crowd-pleasing affair. Ashley was a substitute for the ailing Alex Blanchard. Briton Tom Collins was stripped for failing to defend against Blanchard.

Ashely, who fractured his left hand in the third round, had a point deducted in the sixth for dangerous use of his head. Rocchigiani, 31-0 (15), suffered a bloody nose and cut right eyebrow, but cutman Henk Ruhling did a good repair job.

Swiss referee Franz Marti had Ashley the winner 115-114, but judges Jose Vilas Muller and Franco Ciminale saw it for the German, 116-115 and 117-115, respectively. *The Ring* gave Rocchigiani the nod by one point. Ashley, who felt it was a hometown decision and filed a protest with the EBU, was the German's toughest opponent so far.

Darko Stanojevic, 27, decisioned Frederic Porter, a former American soldier living in Germany, in a messy four-rounder. Referee: Kurt Stroer.

After taking two standing eight-counts in round five, southpaw Michael Kopzog received a generous six-round draw with Tritmir Jandrek, 30, Yugoslavia. Referee: Heinrich Muehmert.

1988 middleweight Olympic gold medalist Henry Maske, 9-0, scored an eight-round decision over Argentine Miguel Angel Maldonado, 31. Maske, a southpaw, benefited little from this fight. Referee: Georg Grabartz.

German Axel Schulz TKO'd Ramon Vorn, 30, at 2:39 of the fifth round. Referee: Kurt Stroer.

German-based Tunisian Saidi Ali, 28, retained the German light heavyweight title via boring 10-round draw with Nelson Alex Alves.

Promoter: Wilfried Sauerland
Matchmaker: Jean-Marcel Nartz
Referee/Judges: Kurt Stroer, Heinrich Muehmert, Georg Grabarz
Physicians: Dr. Walter Wagner, Dr. Stefan Holthusen
Attendance: 3,627
(3-1-91)

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YUGOSLAVIA

PRIJEDOR—**Anton Josipovic** floored Britisher **Dave Owens** seven times in the first four rounds but could not finish him and had to settle for a points win over eight rounds.

Ratko Draskovic outpointed Frenchmen Youssef Debah over eight rounds; heavyweights.
(2-17-91)

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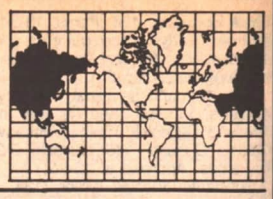

THE ORIENT

JAPAN

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—The first card of the year was a good one. **Naoto Takahashi**, 127, was knocked out by Korean **Chong Pil Park**, 128, at 2:45 of the ninth session in a scheduled 10-rounder, and was carried out of the ring on a stretcher. He was hospitalized and received medical supervision for three days.

Park, 21, was a dangerous opponent. Though shorter than the Japanese stylist, the Korean kept pressure on the moving target. Midway in round two, Park exploded a vicious counter right, dropping the favorite. Takahashi fought back with fast left-right combinations on rubbery legs and narrowly escaped.

Bobbing and weaving, Park stalked and connected with solid combos. The Korean won the fifth and sixth rounds. Then Park, the WBC's number-23 contender, floored him again with a right in the seventh. Soon thereafter Park caught him with a picture-perfect counter right, which produced a flattened pancake. Park is 17-2 (7); Takahashi 19-4 (14).

In the semifinal, elongated prospect Shiro Yahiro, the JBC's fourth-ranked junior flyweight, 108, unleashed furious combinations, cornered veteran brawler Hitoshi Taniuchi, 107, and halted him at 2:38 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Yahiro, former All-Japan winner of the Novice King tourney, utilized his reach. Taniuchi fell to 9-14-3 (6).

Promoter: Abe Promotions
Attendance: 2,700
(1-12-91)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—After a nine-month layoff, Japanese welterweight champion **Hiroyuki Yoshino**, 146¼, demolished **Tatsuhiro Kawabata**, the top Japanese contender, 146¼, with a pair of knockdowns at 2:50 of the opening session in a scheduled 10. Yoshino, the WBC's ninth-ranked contender, displayed his specialty, a smashing left hook. Kawabata, a mediocre boxer-puncher, recklessly came out fighting, only to jump into his vaunted left hand. It was Yoshino's eighth defense of the national crown (all by kayo). Yoshino, 23, is 18-3-1 (15); Kawabata 9-8 (5).

In the semifinal, Yutaka Koyama, the JBC's number-five welterweight, 145½, floored Toru Ichiyama, 146¾, with a solid right hook in the second session, exchanged hot toe-to-toe rallies, and won a close but unanimous decision (double 97-95 and 99-95) in 10. Koyama is 8-2-1 (6). Ichiyama, piloted by ex-world junior middleweight kingpin Koichi Wajima, is 7-3-1 (3).

Promoter: Watanabe Promotions
Attendance: 2,950
(1-14-91)

OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—Former WBC strawweight champion **Hiroki Ioka**, 109, utilized his height and reach, outjabbed Filipino **Max Forrosuelo**, 108, at will, and gained a shutout decision (all 100-90) in 10 speedy frames. Ioka, 5'7", was too fast and elusive for Forrosuelo. Ioka, 21, upped to 16-2-1 (8); Forrosuelo 13-12-5 (5). Ioka, the WBA's top-ranked junior flyweight contender, will have a mandatory crack at the WBA throne held by Myung Woo Yuh this August.

In the semifinal, Hisashi Tokushima, the JBC's top flyweight contender and Ioka's stablemate, 113, earned a unanimous but unimpressive decision (97-93 and double 98-92) over Joel Revilla, a tough Filipino, 108, in 10. Tokushima, the WBC's number-22 contender, is 20-4-1 (8); Revilla 13-11-7 (3).

Promoter: Green Tusda Promotions
(1-17-91)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Mexico's **Miguel Angel Gonzalez**, fighting under the Japanese nom-de-guerre Santa Tokyo, 135, scored his second victory here as he lopsidedly whipped Korean **Yung Yong**

Lee, the KBC's seventh-ranked junior welterweight, 136¼, and halted him at 2:52 of the ninth round. Lee was tough and durable, as he covered up despite much punishment rendered by the more skillful Mexican. Gonzalez, 20, whose amateur mark was reportedly 62-1 (50), improved to 16-0 (14); Lee 10-5-1 (5).

In a semifinal 10, another Mexican import, Porfirio Hernandez, reportedly his country's top super bantamweight, 127, displayed his windmill attack to halt ex-Korean featherweight champion Hyun Je Hwang, 126¼, at 2:32 of the eighth round. The Mexican, fighting under the Japanese name Kyoei Hernandez, is reportedly 30-1-1 (21); Hwang 10-8-3 (2).

Filipino lefty import Armando Chiba Tenoria, the JBC's second-ranked contender, 106, took a near-shutout verdict (double 100-93 and 99-93) over durable but mediocre Korean Chang Ho Chun, 108¼, in 10. Tenoria is 5-1-1 here. Chun, the KBC's seventh-ranked mini flyweight, fell to 7-5.

Promoter: Kyoei Promotions
Attendance: 1,500
(1-21-91)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Akinobu Hiranaka**, the WBA's top junior welterweight contender, 142, returned after a 14-month layoff and disposed of Korean **Kwon Shik Kim**, 142, with a flurry at 1:06 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Hiranaka, a thick-bearded puncher, had been scheduled to fight Juan Martin Coggi in France last August. The title bout was cancelled two weeks before the card due to the Japanese challenger's sudden illness. The French promoter called for a late substitute, Loreto Garza, who outboxed and outsped the Argentine to become the new titlist.

Fully recovered from his illness, Hiranaka proved that he could punch as hard as before when he dropped the Korean with a solid right in the first round. Hiranaka kept battering the overmatched Korean with heavy lefts and rights. In the fifth, he cornered him with a barrage. Kim fell, and then a towel came fluttering into the ring. (In Japan, when a towel is tossed in while the referee is counting, the stoppage is registered as a knockout, not as a TKO.) The winner, 28, bettered to 19-1 (17); Kim 7-7-6 (4).

In the semifinal, hard-hitting southpaw Hiroshi Kawashima, 115, halted Filipino import Alan (Escalante) Tanaka, 116, at 1:04 of the fifth session in a scheduled 10. Kawashima reportedly sustained a fracture of the left hand in the opening round. His single hand was much more effective than the loser's two. The Japanese dropped the Filipino with a one-two-right hook combination in the fourth, and his desperate attack in the fifth ended the affair. Kawashima is 7-2-1 (7); Tanaka 2-10-1 (2).
(1-29-91)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Taiwanese **Rocky Lim**, 104¾, threw powerful blows and was awarded a shutout 10-round decision over **Katsumi Komiyama**, the WBC's second-ranked light flyweight, 102¼, to retain the Japanese strawweight crown for the third time. It was a lousy fight, with each repeatedly clinching, holding, and wrestling. Lim, more muscular, overpowered his small and skinny opponent and steadily piled up points. Komiyama may return to the 108-pound class. Lim, 23, is 10-0 (3); Komiyama, 16-4-6 (4).

Previously unbeaten Kazuhiro Shimamoto, the JBC's number-seven bantamweight, 120, had won all of his 13 starts, but tasted his first defeat at the hands of another southpaw, Shinichi Abe, Japan's number-eight junior featherweight, 118¾, as he was badly flattened at 2:07 of the sixth round in a semifinal 10. The sharper Abe sent the stiff and nervous Shimamoto sprawling to the deck with a southpaw one-two combo in the opening session. In the sixth, Abe exploded a couple of well-timed one-twos and sank his foe to the canvas. Shimamoto fell to 13-1 (5). Abe is 10-5 (4).

Promoter: Rocky Promotions
Attendance: 2,000
(2-9-91)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Hard-punching **Yuji Watanabe**, the JBC's ninth-ranked lightweight, 129, dropped **Hiroaki Fukaya**, 129, in the first round and disposed of him with a right at 39 seconds of the second session in a scheduled 10. Watanabe is 4-0 (4); Fukaya 10-4-1 (3).

In a semifinal 10, Ryutaro Ueda, the JBC's number-six contender, 133, climbed from the deck in round one, withstood puzzling combinations from tall lefty Takashi Saito, 135, and retaliated with strong right hooks to produce a come-from-behind kayo at 1:55 of the third. Ueda is 17-5-1 (11); Saito 12-7 (4).
(2-11-91)

Joe Koizumi

KOREA

PUSAN—Undefeated **Hi Yong Choi**, 104½, captured the WBA minimumweight title with a close but unanimous decision over **Bong Jun Kim**, 105, at the Sajik Gymnasium. Both fighters hit the canvas during the 12-round bout.

The fight was a see-saw affair. In the closing seconds of round two, Choi connected with a counter right that sent Kim to the canvas. Choi, 10-0 (5), usually a counterpuncher, turned aggressor. The 25-year-old challenger won the fourth round with accurate combinations. In round five, however, the 26-year-old Kim, 23-6-2 (10), making his sixth defense, caught the smaller Choi with a chopping right that sent him sprawling. Later that round, Choi was floored again. The challenger came back in the ninth, but Kim took the 10th and 11th rounds. The final round saw the exhausted fighters throwing sloppy combinations.

Manuel Rodriguez (Venezuela) and Luis Rodriguez (Colombia) both scored 116-113, and Carlos Berrocal (Panama) had it 115-113. Because of the close scoring, the Korean commission sent a letter to the WBA requesting a mandatory rematch.

Promoter: Hyundai Promotions
TV: KBC
(2-2-91)

UIJONGBU—Uijongbu Civil Arena—Former WBC flyweight champion **Yong Kang Kim**, 116¾, displayed his speed and skill, dropped top Filipino contender **Rey Cogonon**, 116¼, with a left hook following a good right to the body in the first round, and knocked him out at 2:04 of the fifth session in a scheduled 10. It was Kim's first appearance since he was destroyed by WBA junior bantamweight titlist Khaosai Galaxy. The fatal session witnessed Kim land a well-timed counter. The Filipino sat on the seat of his trunks and made no effort to rise.

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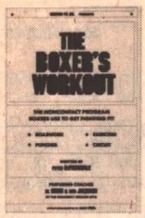

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Kim, the WBC's number-14 flyweight, boosted to 22-3 (10). Cogonon, who previously worked as a sparring partner for WBA flyweight kingpin Leopard Tamakuma, fell to 28-11 (8).

Chil Sung Chun, the WBC's top lightweight contender, 139, took a unanimous decision over Filipino Al Balaba, the top-ranked Filipino lightweight, 138¼, in 10. There were no knockdowns. Chun is 17-1 (10); Balaba 24-74 (11).

Korean welterweight boss Yong Kang Chang, 147¾, kept the crown by decision over Sang Woon Lee, 147, in 10. The champion is 13-1 (3); the loser 8-3 (7).

Kang Ho Song, 135, became the new national lightweight champion as he pounded out a decision over In Ho Kim, 134½, in 10. Song is 8-0 (4); Kim 12-10 (4).

Promoter: Camel Promotions
(1-26-91)

PUSAN—Sajik Gymnasium—On the undercard of the WBA minimumweight title bout between Bong Jun Kim and Hi Yong Choi: **Yung Kyun Park**, the OPBF featherweight champion, ranked second by the WBA, 128¼, was floored with a stinging left of Filipino **Puma De Oro**, the GAB's top junior featherweight contender, 127, in the closing seconds of the second round, but he fought back furiously, pinning him to the ropes and causing the referee to count out the Filipino while the loser was standing with his back to the ropes. Korean sources say that Park will have a crack at WBA featherweight champion Antonio Esparragoza in March. Judging by their power, Park will have a slim chance to dethrone the crafty Venezuelan.

Dong Sup Chung, the KBC's ninth-ranked lightweight, 129, stopped Filipino Hilberto Aragon, 130¼, at 1:46 of the second round of a scheduled 10. Chung is 10-4-1 (5); Aragon 34-17-6 (9).

Promoter: Hyundai Promotions
(2-2-91)

KUMHO—Kumho Gymnasium—Former OPBF bantamweight champion **Chun Huh**, 123½, scored an important victory over Colombian **Ruben Dario Palacios**, the WBA's seventh-ranked contender, 124¼. The Korean floored him twice and halted him at 1:00 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Hugh, a stylish 5'9" boxer-puncher, proved too sharp for Palacios, and dropped him with a smashing right in the second. No sooner had the Colombian resumed fighting than another right caught him with great impact. Palacios fell face-first, and the referee declared a halt. Huh upped to 25-2 (17). His manager/promoter plans to secure a shot at either the WBA or WBC throne by the end of this year. Palacios dipped to 41-8-2 (20).

In a semifinal, Yung Kil Chung, 154, acquired the vacant OPBF junior middleweight crown as he landed a solid left hook following a straight right to the face of Indonesian champion Francisco Lisboa, 153¼, finishing him at 2:45 of the fifth session in a scheduled 12. Chung twice failed to win the world crown, losing to welterweight kings Lloyd Honeyghan and Marlon Starling. The OPBF throne had been vacated by Carlos Elliott, who fought for the vacant WBA title against Gilbert Dele. Chung is 30-6-2 (22); Lisboa 22-4 (11).

Promoter: Kukdong Promotions
(2-3-91)

Joe Koizumi, Yoochang Kim

THAILAND

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BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—**Kwanchai Lukmaturee**, the TBC's sixth-ranked featherweight, easily decisioned unknown **Bomb Excellent**, 126, in four.
(12-1-90)

SUMUTHPRAKAN—Sumrong Stadium—**Win (Asawin) Sakmatee** utilized his puzzling southpaw style and chalked up a kayo over Korean **Jung Keun Kim** in the second round of a scheduled 10. Win is 4-1 (3).
(12-2-90)

BANGKOK—RS—**Seeharach Chorvikul**, the number-seven Thai flyweight, found it easy to catch and dispose of **Chathong Sorsirikul**, the TBC's number-three junior flyweight, at 2:16 of the opening session in a scheduled six. The winner is 10-2-1 (8).
(12-3-90)

of a scheduled six. Rithchai is 16-7 (13).
(12-12-90)

BANGKOK—RS—**Siangtip Sithsuer**, the TBC's seventh-ranked junior featherweight, 122, was awarded a TKO in the second round in a scheduled six, as **Daonoi Sorthanikul**, 122, sustained a big gash at the left eye and was unfit to fight on.
(12-14-90)

BANGKOK—LS—**Ayuthaya Sithphakamron**, the TBC's fourth-ranked featherweight, 135, polished off **Pimpjai Manakarnchang** in the first minute of the opening session in a scheduled six. The veteran winner is 10-17-1 (3).
(12-14-90)

BANGKOK—RS—**Terbo Kratingdang Sithumnaoy**, the TBC's top-ranked flyweight, 114, battered **Phichit Chorvikul**, 114, and won a decisive victory on points in six. Terbo is 13-0 (11).
(12-17-90)

BANGKOK—LS—Thai mini flyweight champion **Asvin Sithlakmuang**, 110, needed less than two minutes of the first round to demolish **Petchumporn Rungraungtours**, 110, in the first round of a scheduled six. The winner is 11-3 (7).
(12-18-90)

BANGKOK—RS—**Salagchit Sorchitphatana**, the TBC's top mini flyweight contender, 110, was surprisingly knocked out by **Saichol Sahakanosot**, former Thai national kickboxing star, in the fourth session of a scheduled six. It was Sahakanosot's first international-style fight.
(12-21-90)

BANGKOK—RS—**Pramuanchai Looksamrong**, 105, battered **Eakarach S. Reawadee**, 106, in the first four rounds, and the latter failed to answer the bell for the fifth session; scheduled for six.
(12-24-90)

BANGKOK—RS—Thai junior bantamweight champion **Chartchai Sorthanikul**, 116, displayed his strength and battered **Leo Tolle**, Indonesia, en route to a third-round kayo in a scheduled 10. Sorthanikul is 12-3 (5).
(12-26-90)

BANGKOK—RS—Former Thai junior flyweight champion **Chairith Kongudom**, 112, was awarded a TKO over **Pandungsak Sithkempetch**, 112, with the latter bleeding badly inside the mouth, in the third round of a scheduled six. Kongudom is 12-2 (11).
(12-27-90)

SAMUTHPRAKARN—Sumrong Stadium—**Torsak Pongsupa**, the WBC's International super flyweight champion, 114, fought Ghanan **Ebo Danquah**, 114, for just one round, with Danquah's bloody mouth causing the referee to stop the affair. The Ghanian was declared a TKO loser in his corner. The lefty winner is 12-1 (9), with his sole defeat to Thalerngsak (Thanomsak) Sithboabey.
(12-30-90)

BANGKOK—RS—**Rungsak Sorthanikul**, the TBC's seventh-ranked flyweight, 114, had an easier night than expected, as he stopped **Nafai Narachawat**, 114, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(12-31-91)

BANGKOK—Thai junior featherweight ruler **Sakda Sorpakda** carved out a second-round kayo over **Pansak Sorphayathai** in a scheduled six. Sorpakda is 13-2 (11).
(1-1-91)

BANGKOK—Former IBF world junior flyweight champion **Muangchai Kittikasem** engaged in a tuneup prior to his crack at the WBC flyweight throne and disposed of Filipino **Welgie Leonora** in the third session of a scheduled 10. Kittikasem is 12-1 (8).

Sensational ex-Muay-Thai fighter Phichit Sithbangprachan scored his second victory in as many bouts, as he broke the collarbone of Indonesian Sarmun Aramus, stopping him in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.
(1-4-91)

BANGKOK—**Seeharaj Chorvikul**, the TBC's number-four flyweight, scored a TKO over **Singsamuang Porprasertpon** in the fifth session of a scheduled six. The winner is 11-2-1 (9).
(1-7-91)

BANGKOK—Ritchchai Galaxy, the TBC's second-ranked junior bantamweight, halted **Burilam Porsurasak** in the third in a scheduled six. The winner is 17-7 (14).
(1-9-90)

BANGKOK—Thai bantamweight ruler **Daorung Chuvatana** took less than a round to polish off **Wanwiset Kennorasing** in a scheduled six. The winner is 31-4-2 (21).
(1-17-91)

BANGKOK—Rungsak Sorthanikul, the TBC's second-ranked contender, became the new Thai flyweight champion as he knocked out previously unbeaten Terbo Kratingthong in the third round of a scheduled 10. The winner is 3-0 (1); the loser 13-1 (11).
(1-21-91)

BANGKOK—Takorlek Dejarat, the WBC's 30th-ranked strawweight, stopped **Onkot Sithseemok** in the third session of a scheduled six.
(1-22-91)

BANGKOK—Kajkong Denphoothai, the WBA's third-ranked junior flyweight, defeated **Rojanadej Sorthasaneee**, the TBC's third-ranked mini flyweight, in a controversial eight.
(1-24-91)

BANGKOK—Top Thai junior flyweight contender **Chairith Kongudom** finished **Chuchai Petchprakaran** in the first round of a scheduled six. Kongudom is 13-2 (11).
(1-24-91)

BANGKOK—Unbeaten **Siangtip Sithsure**, the TBC's second-ranked junior featherweight, outpointed **Nungthai Sitamporn** in six. Siangtip is 5-0 (3).
(1-28-91)

BANGKOK—Jakong Kiatnamchok, the TBC's number-five flyweight, produced an upset by beating Thai mini flyweight champion **Asvin Sithlukmuang** on points in eight. The winner is 6-1 (2); the loser, the WBC's number-19 contender, 11-4 (7).
(1-30-91)

Joe Koizumi, Ryuichi Kotani, Naris

INDONESIA

JAKARTA—Lokasari Hall—National featherweight champion **Robby Rahangmetan** retained the title by stopping **Jurangga** in the eighth round of a scheduled 12. It was his first defense. The champion is 29-7-2 (17); the loser 19-2-1 (4).
Promoter: Mrs. Shinta Situmorang
Attendance: 2,000
(1-12-91)
Joe Koizumi, P. Setijadi Laksono, Abbas Prabowo

PHILIPPINES

POLOMOLOK, SOUTH COTABATO—Lefty **Rolando Protacio**, the GAB's second-ranked flyweight, 113, fought to a second-round technical draw with **Jaime Sintos**, 113, in a scheduled 10.
Nelson Purisima, 108, scored a fourth-round TKO over Warlito Franco, 108, in a semifinal 10.
David Franco, 110, stunned the crowd with his first-round stoppage of Julio Bilo, 108, in the first 10.
Promoter: Carmelino R. Buenaflor
(12-22-90)

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Rotchel Canete, 140, was awarded a split decision over **Jun Rosal**, the GAB's third-ranked junior welterweight, 141, in 10.
Noel Garcia, 125, scored a TKO over Allan Inguito, 126, at 30 seconds of the sixth round of a semifinal 10.
Promoter: Diomedes Tabo Tabo
(12-23-90)

LABASON, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE—Rolando Verzano, 116, battled to a majority draw with **Robert Winters**, 116, in 10.
Promoter: Nerio Opena
(12-23-90)

MANDAUE CITY—Unbeaten prospect **Dan Nietes**, the GAB's fourth-ranked flyweight, 113, scored a unanimous decision over **Young Rey Cascas**, 113, in 10.
Another unbeaten, Noel Tunacao, the top-ranked Filipino mini flyweight, 106, won a unanimous ver-

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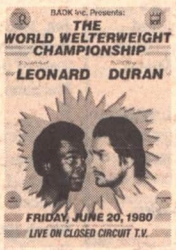

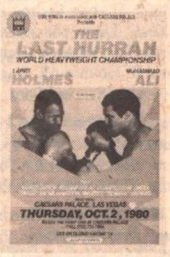

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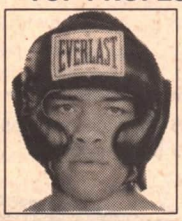

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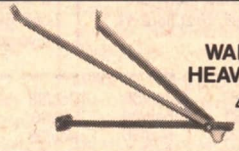

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(12-29-90)

BAYBAY, LEYTE—Veteran campaigner **Edwin Projo**, 113, displayed his experience and finished **Rolando Laraga**, 112, at 1:40 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Poker Peligrino, 123, unanimously decisioned Rolando Navares, 123, in 10.

Promoter: Dionisiso Bicar
(12-29-90)

DUMANGAS, ILOILO—Mario Parcon, the GAB's top-ranked flyweight, 112, won a unanimous decision over **Rolando Valentin**, 114, in 10.

Jun Mataganas, 119, scored a seventh-round TKO over Tim Balantay, 120, in a scheduled 10.

Efren Beclar, 114, drew with Roger Enoc, 114, in 10.

Promoter: Carmelino R. Buenaflor
(12-29-90)

PASAY, METRO MANILA—Badly bleeding **Jessie Solis**, 134½, became the new Filipino lightweight champion, as he was awarded a technical decision over defending titlist **William Magahin**, 134½, midway through the sixth round in a scheduled 12-rounder. The champion stunned Solis at the outset. The second session saw Solis bleeding after an accidental butt. Another collision worsened the challenger's wound in the sixth, and the physician advised the fight to be stopped.

Manny Melchor, the GAB's fourth-ranked junior flyweight, 110¾, scored a majority decision over former IBF mini flyweight champion Eric Chavez, 109½, in 10. Scores: double 97-95 and 95-95.

Edgar Maghanoy, 118, beat Mike Gevero, 118, on points in 10.

Felix Tuble, 131, earned a split decision over ex-Filipino featherweight and junior lightweight champion Lulu Villaverde, 131, in eight.

Promoter: Grego Garcia
(12-30-90)

BUTAN CITY—Roy Lopez, 121, unanimously decisioned **Flash Semini**, 121, in 10.

Arnold Solitario, 114, eked out a split nod over Loloc Elloren, 114, in 10.

Promoter: Bernard Yuh
(12-30-90)

KAPATAGAN, LANAO DEL NORTE—Bebe Capili, 125, won a majority decision over **Alvin Salud**, 126, in 10.

Promoter: Mrs. Elva Valde
(12-30-90)

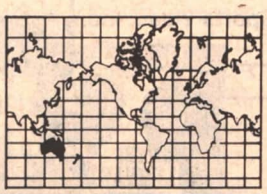
OZAMIS CITY—Fred Tipait, 112½, knocked out former WBC International champion **Little Baguio**, 113½, at 1:39 of the third session in a scheduled 10.

Jerry Tarona, 117, stopped Rex Calling, 118, at 35 seconds of the fifth round in a semifinal 10.

Rod Naiconi, the GAB's number-five ranked bantamweight, 119, finished Pat Bracero, 119, at 2:10 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Reynaldo Yabut
(12-30-90)

Joe Koizumi, Joaquin Henson, GAB



PAN PACIFIC

AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

BANKSTOWN—The Sports Club—**Paul Nasari**, 134½, won a 10-round unanimous decision over **Chris Dawe**, 139¼, in an all-action battle that drew a shower of money from ringsiders. The decision was clear, with Nasari winning by scores of 100-90, 99-93, and 98-94. Referee: Charlie Lucas. Nasari is 4-0-2; Dawe 17-8-3.

Amatuer champion Eddie Younan, 125½, turned pro and looked good in halting Martin Roberts, 126, in round three; scheduled for eight. Brian McMahon refereed.

Brax Burley, 146½, outpointed Florencio Rodriguez, 146½, over six rounds.

Michael Akkawy, 151¾, scored a technical points win over Chris Schafer, 153¾, due to a cut eye after the fourth round.

Doug Tange, 150¾, halted Bodie Malone, 160¾, in round two due to a cut eye caused by a punch.

Promoters: Barry Raff, Steve Ghosen
Attendance: 1,000 (estimated)
(2-1-91)

REVERSBY—Workers Club—Former Australian junior featherweight champion **Craig Pevy**, 127¾, won the Australian junior lightweight title from champion **Renato Cornett**, 128¼, via 12-round decision. Garry Lowe scored 116-114, Des Bloyd 115-113, and Garry Dean 115-115. There was non-stop action throughout, and the fans responded by showering the ring with money. Pevy is 19-12; the rusty Cornett, who doesn't fight enough, 17-1-1. Brian McMahon refereed.

Graig Drummond, 126¾, narrowly outpointed Alex Wymarra, 129¾, over eight exciting rounds.

Florencio Rodriguez, 143, outpointed Gaby Toubia, 142¼, over six rounds in another action battle.

In a four-rounder, Kevin Selby, 133¾, turned pro and halted Darren Flynn, 128, in round one.

Tony Wehbee, 125¼, outpointed Graig Nicholls, 126¼.

Promoter: Marty Rhone
(2-22-91)

QUEENSLAND

CARINDALE—Carindale Hotel—**Johnny Fooks**, 135, won the vacant Queensland state lightweight title with a clear points win over **Troy Power**, 134½. Ed Francis carded 97-93, Steve Scott 98-91, and Denzil Creed 99-89. George Barnes, the former Australian and British Empire welterweight champion, refereed. Power was dropped twice, but never looked about to be stopped. Fooks is 10-14-5; Power 8-6-1.

In a scheduled six, Gary Wills, 180¾, halted overweight Steve Hudson, 208¼, in two. Wills is 6-1 (5); Hudson 0-1.

Two jockeys made their pro debuts as Lyall Appo, 111¼, outpointed Billy Goodwin, 114¾, over four rounds.

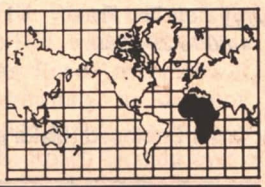
Dave Shaw, 142¼, halted newcomer Steve Gillespie, 140, in round three. Shaw is 4-0-1 (4).

Colin Nelson, 117¾, outpointed Michael Doo, 118½, over four rounds.

Glen Ward, 145½, stopped Phil Frost, 140, in round two.

Promoter: Main Events Promotions
Attendance: 700 (estimated)
(2-24-91)

Ray Mitchell



AFRICA

BENIN

COTONOU—Julius Obi, 146, a Nigerian based in Togo, scored a second-round TKO over **Dossou Hounye**, Benin, 145.

Simon Peter MacIntosh, Nigeria, 127½, won a unanimous 10-round decision over Douglas Odame, Ghana, 136.

Firmin Abissi, Benin, 123, unanimously outpointed Stainless Tony, Nigeria, 124 over 10 rounds.

Bocco Georges, 165, Benin, stopped Shehu Yusuf, 163½, Nigeria, in the third round.

Sagbo Aristide, Benin, 125, won the African Boxing Council's 126-pound title with a 12-round decision over David Armstrong, 125, a Ghanaian based in Togo. He is Benin's first continental champion since the ABC was founded in 1974.

Promoter: Ken Biddle Boxing Gym
Attendance: 1,890
(2-15-90)

Charles W. Biddle

IVORY COAST

ABIDJAN—Shaibu Ali, 156, Ivory Coast, won a unanimous eight-round decision over **Kellou Guenou**, 156, Togo.
(2-8-91)

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SOUTH AFRICA

EAST LONDON—Orient Theatre—**Mabhili Ndlovu** became the New Border lightweight champion when he scored a sixth-round kayo over **Phumzile Matomela**.

Tamsanqa Sogwe scored an eight-round decision over Wiseman Tyata; flyweights.

Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(12-2-90)

EAST LONDON—Orient Theatre—**Sidima Qhina** scored a disputed 12-round decision over defending champion **Ditau Molefyane** to become the South African junior lightweight champion. Molefyane dropped Qhina in the second and ninth rounds.

Attendance: 1,000 (estimated)
(12-20-90)

UITENHAGE—Uitenhage Indoor Arena—**Brown Bongo** scored a 10-round unanimous decision over **Isaac Yoto** to become the new Cape junior middleweight champion. It was an all-action fight from the opening bell.

Luntu Gidana was too strong for Vumile Dyakla, who failed to come out for the third round; featherweights.

Attendance: 1,200 (estimated)
(1-20-91)

JOHANNESBURG—Nasrec Indoor Arena—**Jan Bergman** scored a fourth-round TKO over **Rufus Seanego** to retain the Transvaal lightweight title in impressive fashion.

Vusi Khosa, defending the Transvaal bantamweight title for the first time, scored a unanimous 10-round decision over Thembinkosi Xokolo.

Attendance: 1,200 (estimated)
Promoter: King Korn
(1-20-91)

CAPE TOWN—Good Hope Centre—**Nika Kumalo**, fighting in front of his hometown fans, scored an impressive TKO over **Rene Arredondo**, Mexico. After a slow start, Kumalo, 32-4-2, started scoring with solid lefts and rights to the head. In the sixth, he dropped the former WBC super lightweight champion for an eight-count. The Mexican's trainer pulled him out before the start of the seventh round.

Heavyweight Francois Botha failed to impress in scoring a six-round decision over Gideon Hlongwa.

Jacques Smith was disappointing in scoring a 10-round decision over Johannes Motaung; welterweights.

Promoter: Thinus Strydom
Attendance: 5,000 (estimated)
(1-27-90)

Ron Jackson

TOGO

LOME—Klamah George, 140, Togo, won the national super lightweight title with a unanimous 12-round decision over **Akpovor Alafia**, Togo, 139½.

Localite Olympio Napoles, 125, unanimously outpointed Suleymanna Ahinga, 125½, Ghana, over six rounds.

Commander Abana, 146, a Nigerian based in Togo, TKO'd Mohammad Ali Abba, 147, Ghana, in the fourth round.

Promoter: Ken Biddle Boxing Gym
Attendance: 312
(2-9-91)

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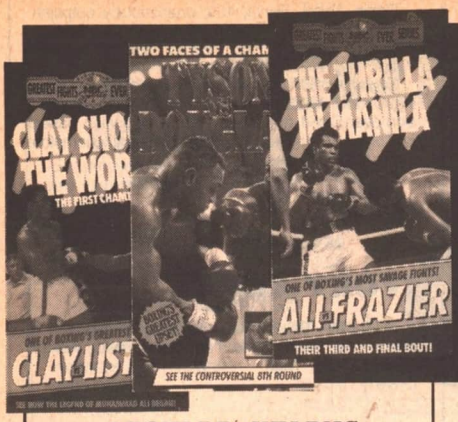

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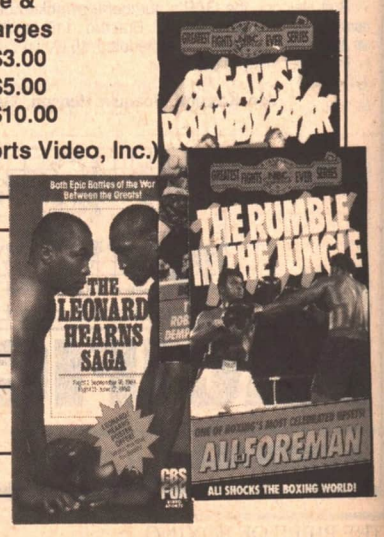

FREDDIE ROACH

(Trainer)

By Jody Schwartz

You've seen the story on the big screen: The aging master takes a novice under his wing and leads him to greatness. Paul Newman showed cocky Tom Cruise the rules of the pool hall in *The Color of Money*. Wise Pat Morita prepared a frightened Ralph Macchio for battle in *The Karate Kid*. Freddie Roach's story may not be on film, but he, too, knows what it's like to be taught by the best.

From 1978 through 1986, when Roach was trying to survive in the lightweight ranks, Eddie Futch, arguably the greatest trainer in boxing history, worked his corner. After Roach's fighting career was over, Futch continued to work with him, but in a different capacity. He taught him how to be a trainer.

"He taught me a lot of the game," said Roach, a Massachusetts native now living in Las Vegas. "A lot of people say that he molded me into his clone."

Roach guides two-time welterweight champion Marlon Starling, whose career, according to the trainer, may or may not be over. He also works with two young fighters, Sonny Brennen and Harold Miller. The king of his stable, however, is unbeaten WBA light heavyweight champion Virgil Hill.

"Virgil is an easy fighter to work with because he's such a good athlete," said the 31-year-old Roach. "Marlon is a veteran who had to work very hard at his game."

There was a time when a bitter Roach wanted nothing to do with the fight game. After his retirement, he

took a job in telephone sales. He had given boxing all his energy and had been given little in return. He felt the game had betrayed him.

His change of heart came during a Caesars Palace training session in March 1986. Middleweight contender James Shuler, who was preparing for a matchup against Thomas Hearns, was sparring with Hill. Roach was in attendance to watch Hill, whom he had met in the gym. As Roach remembers it, Shuler was drowning in attention, while Hill couldn't even get a drink between rounds. Roach brought over a water bottle and some advice.

It was the start of a relationship that resulted in a world title. And the start of a new career. The next day, Roach returned to the gym and asked Futch if he could help train some of his fighters.

"Eddie was glad to have me there," Roach said. "He was my teacher for 10 years. We're pretty similar. Slowly, he kept giving me more responsibility. He saw that I was there every day and was trustworthy. When it was time for me to go on my own, he knew that I was ready."

That time came in September 1987, when Roach brought Hill up the ring steps for his challenge of WBA light heavyweight champion Leslie Stewart. When Hill won the title with a fourth-round kayo, Roach felt a new kind of pride.

"Eddie left me in charge of the training camp for that fight," Roach said. "It was as close as I've come to being champion myself."

As a fighter, Roach was most often described as a clubfighter, and he wasn't viewed as a threat to win a world title of any kind. As a trainer, however, he seems to have gained a new-found respect.

"A lot of people come up to me and say that they're glad that I'm doing well as a trainer," Roach said. "I never got that respect as a fighter. But I had a great career, and I wouldn't change anything."

Many retired fighters who remain in boxing begin to miss the punches, and comebacks become inevitable. Roach believes his success as a trainer might just be the only thing that keeps him from giving in to temptation.

"I don't even call what I do a job," he said. "I just hope that I can last as long as Eddie."

Accomplishing that just might put the story of Futch and Roach in the theaters. ■

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RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Evander Holyfield (USA)	C	C	C
Mike Tyson (USA)	1	1	1
Razor Ruddock (CAN)	2	2	2
George Foreman (USA)	3	3	3
James Douglas (USA)	4	8	10
Gary Mason (GB)	5	4	-
Tim Witherspoon (USA)	6	6	6
Renaldo Snipes (USA)	7	-	-
Alex Stewart (JAM)	8	-	9
Mark Wills (USA)	9	-	-
Carl Williams (USA)	10	7	7
Pierre Coetzer (SA)	-	5	4
Riddick Bowe (USA)	13	9	5
Bruce Seldon (USA)	16	10	12
Lennox Lewis (GB)	11	11	8

CRUISERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Massimiliano Duran (ITA)	C	-	-
Anaclet Wamba (FRA)	1	4	8
Carlos DeLeon (PR)	2	8	-
Johnny Nelson (GB)	3	11	9
Taoufik Belbouli (FRA)	4	1	-
Mike Hunter (USA)	5	2	-
Derek Angol (GB)	6	3	10
James Warring (USA)	7	5	4
Nate Miller (USA)	8	7	7
Phil Jackson (USA)	9	-	11
Craig Peterson (AUSTRL)	10	-	-
Robert Daniels (USA)	-	C	-
Bobby Czyz (USA)	-	6	-
Bash Ali (USA)	-	9	2
Richard Mason (USA)	11	10	1
Jeff Lampkin (USA)	-	-	C
Iby Zimmerman (CAU)	-	-	3
Siza Makathini (SA)	-	-	5
Alfred Cole (USA)	-	-	6

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Dennis Andries (GB)	C	-	-
Jeff Harding (AUSTRL)	1	3	8
Bobby Czyz (USA)	2	-	-
Isaias Lucero (MEX)	3	2	6
Yawe Davis (UGA)	4	-	-
David Vedder (USA)	5	9	-
Frank Tate (USA)	6	-	3
Guy Waters (AUSTRL)	7	6	-
Booker Word (USA)	8	1	2
Graciano Rocchigiani (GER)	9	7	4
Joe Lasisi (NIG)	10	-	-
Virgil Hill (USA)	-	C	-
Frank Winterstein (FRA)	-	4	-
Mike Peak (USA)	-	5	-
Andrew Maynard (USA)	12	8	-
Alex Blanchard (USA)	15	10	-
Charles Williams (USA)	-	-	C
James Kinchen (USA)	11	-	1
Freddie Delgado (PR)	20	-	5
Vincent Boulware (USA)	-	-	7
Anthony Hembrick (USA)	14	12	9
Mwehu Beya (ITA)	29	-	10

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Mauro Galvano (ITA)	C	-	-
Ron Essett (USA)	1	4	4
Frank Winterstein (FRA)	2	-	-
Dan Schommer (USA)	3	-	-
Tony Byrd (USA)	4	2	3
Victor Cordova (PAN)	5	1	7
Tony Thornton (USA)	6	8	5
Randall Yonker (USA)	7	11	-
Dario Matteoni (ARG)	8	9	-
Nelson Aviles (GER)	9	-	8
Juan Carlos Gimenez (PAR)	10	3	2
Chris Tiozzo (FRA)	-	C	-
Salvador Maciel (MEX)	-	5	-
John Jarvis (USA)	17	6	1
Tarmo Uusivirta (FIN)	12	7	12
Lou Cafaro (AUSTRL)	-	10	-
Lindell Holmes (USA)	-	-	C
Thulani Malinga (SA)	-	-	6
Segundo Mercado (USA)	-	-	9
Doug DeWitt (USA)	-	-	10

MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julian Jackson (USA)	C	-	-
Dennis Milton (USA)	1	3	7
Reggie Johnson (USA)	2	2	1
Sumbu Kalambay (ITA)	3	1	3
Michael Watson (GB)	4	6	4
Steve Collins (USA)	5	5	10
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Willie Monroe (USA)	10	-	-
Mike McCallum (JAM)	-	C	-
Roberto Duran (PAN)	-	9	-
Merqui Sosa (USA)	11	10	-
Michael Nunn (USA)	-	-	C
Darrin Van Horn (USA)	-	-	2
Matthew Hilton (CAN)	17	-	5
Ruben Cabral (ARG)	16	-	8
Iran Barkley (USA)	-	-	9

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Terry Norris (USA)	C	-	-
Jorge Castro (ARG)	1	8	4
Troy Waters (AUSTRL)	2	-	-
Brett Lally (USA)	3	-	7
Aaron Davis (USA)	4	5	-
Julio Cesar Vazquez (ARG)	5	4	-
Glenn Wolfe (USA)	6	9	1
Quincy Taylor (USA)	7	-	6
Darrin Van Horn (USA)	8	-	-
Donald Curry (USA)	9	-	3
Yung Kil Chung (KOR)	10	-	-
Carlos Elliott (JAP)	12	1	10
Gilbert Dele (FRA)	-	2	-
Jun Sok Hwang (KOR)	16	3	-
Carl Daniels (USA)	27	6	-
Laurent Boudouani (FRA)	21	7	-
Gregory Clark (SA)	-	10	-
Gianfranco Rosi (ITA)	-	-	C
Ron Amundsen (USA)	-	12	2
Roy Jones (USA)	-	-	5
Gilbert Baptist (USA)	17	-	8
Chris Pyatt (GB)	-	-	9

WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Maurice Blocker (USA)	C	-	-
Buddy McGirt (USA)	1	2	1
Glenwood Brown (USA)	2	3	2
Marlon Starling (USA)	3	-	4
Mark Breland (USA)	4	6	6
Jose Bermudez (COL)	5	12	-
Genaro Leon (MEX)	6	10	-
Hiroyuki Yoshino (JAP)	7	7	10
Patrizio Oliva (ITA)	8	8	7
Engels Pedroza (VEN)	9	11	-
Jung Oh Park (KOR)	10	5	-
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	-	C	-
Luis Garcia (VEN)	23	1	3
Crisanto Espana (VEN)	-	4	-
Jorge Bracamonte (ARG)	15	9	-
Simon Brown (USA)	-	-	C
Aaron Davis (USA)	-	-	5
Curtis Summit (USA)	28	-	8
Carl Daniels (USA)	-	-	9

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julio Cesar Chavez (MEX)	C	-	C
Angel Hernandez (PR)	1	2	-
Roger Mayweather (USA)	2	5	3
Alberto Cortes (ARG)	3	-	-
John Duplessis (USA)	4	-	-
Hector Camacho (USA)	5	-	4
Juan M. Coggi (ARG)	6	3	-
Harold Brazier (USA)	7	-	5
Pat Barrett (GB)	8	6	7
Rafael Pineda (COL)	9	8	1
Terrence Ali (USA)	10	9	9
Akinobu Hiranaka (JAP)	28	1	-
Edwin Rosario (PR)	4	-	
Mun Sil Chi (KOR)	-	7	-
Julio Barria (CHILE)	16	10	-
Rodney Moore (USA)	13	11	6
Loreto Garza (USA)	-	C	-
Charles Murray (USA)	11	-	2
Santos Cardona (USA)	-	-	8
Romallis Ellis (USA)	-	-	10

LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Pernell Whitaker (USA)	C	C	C
Chil Sung Chun (KOR)	1	3	-
Poli Diaz (SPA)	2	1	8
Darryl Tyson (USA)	3	6	4
Tracy Spann (USA)	4	2	1
Freddie Pendleton (USA)	5	-	2
Anthony Jones (USA)	6	8	7
Carl Crook (GB)	7	-	9
Sharmba Mitchell (USA)	8	12	6
Miguel Gonzalez (MEX)	9	-	-
Shane Knox (AUSTRL)	10	-	-
Juan Nazario (PR)	15	4	12
William Rojas (VEN)	-	5	-
Iwao Otomo (JAP)	12	7	-
Ricardo Toledo (CHILE)	-	9	-
Omar Flores (MEX)	18	10	-
Jorge Paez (MEX)	-	-	3
Eduardo Molina (COL)	21	-	5
John Duplessis (USA)	-	-	10

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Azumah Nelson (GHA)	C	-	-
Jeff Fenech (AUSTRL)	1	4	-
Genaro Hernandez (USA)	2	2	12
John-John Molina (PR)	3	-	1
Alfred Rangel (USA)	4	-	-
Tyrone Downes (TRIN)	5	-	-
Joey Gamache (USA)	6	3	6
Takeyuki Akagi (JAP)	7	10	-
Rowdy Welch (USA)	8	-	-
Renato Cornett (AUSTRL)	9	11	7
Marcos Guevara (VEN)	10	-	-
Brian Mitchell (SA)	-	C	-
Anibal Nieves (VEN)	-	1	-
Daniel Londas (FRA)	-	5	5
Jerry Ngobeni (SA)	-	6	2
Frankie Mitchell (USA)	14	7	10
Rudy Cabiles (PHIL)	21	8	11
Pierre Lorcy (FRA)	27	9	-
Tony Lopez (USA)	-	-	C
Coco Ramirez (MEX)	16	-	3
Fernando Caicedo (COL)	20	-	4
Bernard Taylor (USA)	-	-	8
Calvin Grove (USA)	-	-	9

FEATHERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Marcos Villasana (MEX)	C	-	-
Ricardo Cepeda (USA)	1	3	2
Paul Hodkinson (GB)	2	5	-
Louie Espinoza (USA)	3	-	7
Rafael Zuniga (COL)	4	6	4
Manuel Medina (COL)	5	9	10
Yung Kyun Park (KOR)	6	2	-
Eloy Rojas (VEN)	7	1	-
Ever Beleno (COL)	8	-	-
Lupe Gutierrez (USA)	9	-	5
Fabrice Benichou (FRA)	10	-	-
Antonio Esparragoza (VEN)	-	C	-
Jackie Gunguluza (SA)	-	4	-
Harold Warren (USA)	-	7	-
Rafael Ruelas (USA)	11	8	-

WBC as of February
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IBF as of March

Alfred Rangel (USA)	-	10	3
Troy Dorsey (USA)	14	-	1
November Ntshingila (SA)	-	-	6
Tom Johnson (USA)	15	-	8
Jose Rodriguez (PR)	-	-	9

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Kiyoshi Hatanaka (JAP)	C	-	-
Tracy Patterson (USA)	1	2	3
Jesse Benavides (USA)	2	3	2
Paul Banke (USA)	3	7	12
Daniel Zaragoza (MEX)	4	-	-
Jesus Salud (USA)	5	-	9
Arcelio Diaz (COL)	6	5	5
Ki Jun Lee (KOR)	7	-	-
Freddy Cruz (DR)	8	4	-
Pedro Decima (ARG)	9	-	6
Jae Won Choi (KOR)	10	-	-
Luis Mendoza (COL)	-	C	-
Carlos Uribe (CHILE)	13	1	-
Jemal Hinton (USA)	11	6	8
Ruben Palacios (COL)	-	8	-
Noree Jockygym (THAI)	19	9	-
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	-	10	-
Welcome Ncita (SA)	-	-	C
Baby Rojas (USA)	-	-	1
Hurley Snead (USA)	-	-	4
Ramon Guzman (VEN)	-	11	7
Sakda Sawpungdee (THAI)	-	-	10

BANTAMWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Greg Richardson (USA)	C	6	-
Akeem Anifowoshe (NIG)	1	-	-
Pepillo Valdez (MEX)	2	-	7
Raul Perez (MEX)	3	-	6
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	4	-	-
Yong Hoon Lee (KOR)	5	4	-
Billy Hardy (GB)	6	-	1
Gerardo Martinez (USA)	7	-	8
Hector Acero (DR)	8	11	-
Victor Rabanales (MEX)	9	-	-
Eun Sik Lee (KOR)	10	5	-
Luisito Espinosa (PHIL)	-	C	-
Israel Contreras (VEN)	-	1	2
Kiyoshi Hatanaka (JAP)	-	2	5
Eliecher Julio (COL)	21	3	-
Abraham Torres (VEN)	-	7	-
Hurley Snead (USA)	-	8	-
Yun Chun Min (KOR)	16	9	-
Thierry Jacob (FRA)	12	10	3
Orlando Canizales (USA)	-	-	C
Duke McKenzie (GB)	15	-	4
Francisco Alvarez (COL)	14	-	9
Javier Leon (MEX)	13	-	10

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Sung Kil Moon (KOR)	C	-	-
Nana Konadu (GHA)	1	-	-
Johnny Tapia (USA)	2	7	4
Katsuya Onizuka (JAP)	3	3	-
Rey Paciones (PHIL)	4	2	2
Armando Salazar (MEX)	5	-	-
Armando Castro (MEX)	6	-	-
Thanomsak Sithbaobey (THAI)	7	4	-
Kenji Matsumura (JAP)	8	8	-
David Griman (VEN)	9	1	-
Carlos Mercado (COL)	10	10	1
Khaosai Galaxy (THAI)	-	C	-
Akeem Anifowoshe (NIG)	-	5	5
William Ramos (PR)	-	6	-
Juan Polo (COL)	13	9	6
Robert Quiroga (USA)	-	-	C
Daorung Chuvatana (THAI)	-	-	3
Vincenzo Belcastro (ITA)	-	-	7
Satoshi Shingaki (JAP)	-	-	8
Victor Rabanales (MEX)	-	-	9
Marianus (INDO)	16	12	10

FLYWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Muangchai Kittikasem (THAI)	C	-	-
Jung Koo Chang (KOR)	1	-	-
Sot Chitalada (THAI)	2	-	-
Isaias Zamudio (USA)	3	-	10
Yun Un Chin (KOR)	4	6	-
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	5	-	-
Pat Clinton (GB)	6	9	-
Richard Clarke (JAM)	7	-	5
Yul Woo Lee (KOR)	8	5	-
Jae Suk Park (KOR)	9	-	-
Dodi Penalosa (PHIL)	10	3	2
Leopard Tamakuma (JAP)	-	C	-
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	-	1	-
Rodolfo Blanco (COL)	14	2	1
Kotaro Hayashi (JAP)	21	4	-
Jesus Rojas (VEN)	18	7	-
Torsak Osoisapa (THAI)	-	8	4
Yong Kang Kim (KOR)	13	10	-
Dave McAuley (IRE)	-	-	C
Tongchai Kittikasem (THAI)	-	-	3
Azadin Anhar (INDO)	-	-	6
Al Kotey (GHA)	26	-	7
Ricky Romero (USA)	15	-	8
Johanes Nanlohi (INDO)	16	-	9

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Rolando Pascua (PHIL)	C	-	-
Domingo Sosa (DR)	1	-	1
Humberto Gonzalez (MEX)	2	8	3
Hiroki Ioka (JAP)	3	1	-
Nam Hoon Cha (KOR)	4	3	-
Jeung Keun Lim (KOR)	5	-	-
Jorge Rivera (MEX)	6	-	9
Kimio Hirano (JAP)	7	-	-
Katzumi Komiyama (JAP)	8	-	-
Melchor Cob Castro (MEX)	9	11	5
Jerry Penalosa (PHIL)	10	-	-
Myung Woo Yuh (KOR)	-	C	-
Kajkong Danphoothai (THAI)	-	2	-
Leo Gamez (VEN)	13	4	-
Juan Torres (PAN)	19	5	-
Muangchai Kittikasem (THAI)	-	6	-
Hector Patri (ARG)	-	7	-
Jacob Matlala (SA)	-	9	-
Robinson Cuestas (PAN)	24	10	2
Michael Carbajal (USA)	-	-	C
Leon Salazar (PAN)	12	-	4
Antonio Perez (MEX)	11	-	6
Benieto Murilla (PAN)	-	-	7
Javier Varguez (MEX)	-	-	8
Rey Hernandez (MEX)	15	-	10

STRAWWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Ricardo Lopez (MEX)	C	-	-
Kyung Yung Lee (KOR)	1	-	-
Hector Patri (ARG)	2	-	12
Hideyuki Ohashi (JAP)	3	6	-
Rocky Lim (JAP)	4	11	3
Chana Porpaoin (THAI)	5	2	8
Ala Villamor (PHIL)	6	12	2
Bong Jun Kim (KOR)	7	-	-
Javier Varguez (MEX)	8	-	-
Pretty Boy Lucas (PHIL)	9	5	1
Danny Nunez (DR)	10	7	-
Bong Jun Kim (KOR)	-	C	-
Hi Yon Choi (KOR)	-	1	-
Carlos Rodriguez (VEN)	-	3	-
Katsumi Komiyama (JAP)	-	4	-
Kimio Hirano (JAP)	-	8	-
Silverio Barcenas (PAN)	13	9	9
Marcelino Bolivar (VEN)	14	10	-
Far-Lan Lookmingkwan (THAI)	-	-	C
Felix Naranjo (COL)	-	-	4
Andy Tabanaw (PHIL)	12	-	5
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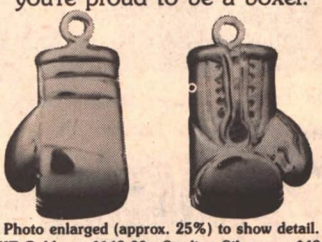

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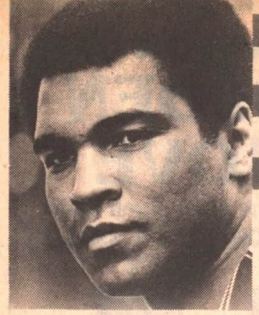

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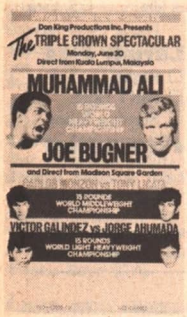

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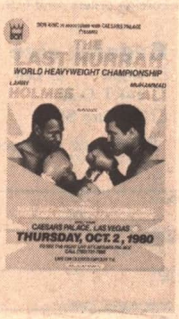

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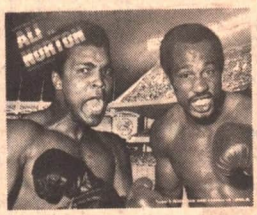

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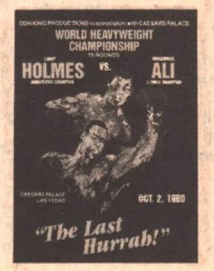

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WILLIE MEEHAN

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Coy: " . . . He did not make a particularly glowing impression on the fistic fans of the Mill Town. Fat and flabby, actually awkward in the ring, he does not appear to be a man who could do the things he has against the top-notchers. It is his boast that he has not trained a day in his life—and his appearance bears out that statement."

The Fat Boy's frankness about his carefree lifestyle cancelled out the speech on clean living, in lieu of which his manager, Joe McCloskey, decided to have Willie stand in the footlights and sing. The popular song of the time (at least in military encampments), "Oh, How I Hate To Get Up In The Morning!" was chosen by McCloskey, and as the train pulled out from San Francisco for Minnesota, Meehan set about learning the words. The trip took several days, and nobody aboard the train got any sleep as Willie rehearsed at the top of his prodigious lungs at least 50 times a day.

"By the time we reached Minneapolis," recalled McCloskey later, "Willie knew the song. The first thing I did when we arrived at the showhouse was to see that Willie remembered it. So I called the piano player and had them put it on. He went through it in grand style.

"Two hours later, Willie was introduced to the audience in sailor togs, and the orchestra started the tune of 'Oh, How I Hate To Get Up In The Morning!' And Willie stepped up to the footlights to sing.

"But would you believe it—he had forgotten the words and had to leave the stage. Could anyone beat that?"

Only Kid McCoy. A day later he broke two of Meehan's ribs in a sparring session, and Willie's vaudeville career was over.

He returned to California, and just over a month later, the national spotlight went out on him altogether when Meehan lost badly to previous Dempsey victim Fulton. Meehan fought on until 1923, but his boxing career had reached its zenith with that astounding win over Dempsey, who, of course, survived that ignominy and became champion in 1919 and a ring immortal.

Willie Meehan died in obscurity at age 62, on February 9, 1953, but he, too, lives on, if for no other reason than today there are more Fat Boys out there than Dempseys. ■

MYUNG WOO YUH

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accidental butt, again proved to be a stern challenge. But Yuh was much busier and managed to wobble the Venezuelan in rounds four and 12.

Yuh's perpetual combinations have earned him the nickname *"Sonagi,"* which means rainfall. His whirlwind style has led some observers to describe him as a miniature Henry Armstrong. If Yuh has a major flaw, it is defense. Although he has never been downed as a pro, he has swallowed more than his quota of powerpunches.

"I've seen him absorb some serious punches," Battle said, "and he has great recuperative powers."

The biggest problem confronting this giant of the junior flyweights is that, like Galaxy and other Asians, he is a star only in the Orient. There is very little intrigue or drawing power that an Asian champion can contribute to a superfight in the West. But that could change if IBF junior flyweight champion Michael Carbajal decides to meet Yuh in a unification match.

"We hope to fight in the U.S. with Carbajal," Kil said. "[But] anyplace is okay. We want only one champion."

Promoter Bob Arum, who has repeatedly touted Carbajal as the first million-dollar flyweight, hoped to pair his fighter with Mexican assassin Humberto Gonzalez. But Gonzalez, who was the WBC 108-pound champion, was knocked out in December, and Carbajal was left without an attractive opponent. Suddenly, Arum and hardcore American fight fans were forced to recognize Yuh.

"Bob is very aware of the fighter," Lee Samuels, Arum's publicist, said of Yuh. "We have a lot of interest in him. That's the megafight for Carbajal."

Unlike Galaxy and former WBC flyweight champion Sot Chitalada, who are ambivalent toward fighting in the West, Yuh has a sincere desire to become recognized in the United States.

Yuh, 27, visited the States for the first time in February, when, in Atlantic City, he received a recognition award from the WBA at its annual dinner. Despite sleeping on a cot in a nondescript Trump Plaza hotel room that he shared with Kil and promoter Thomas Kim, Yuh was in awe of the glitz and glamor of the setting. He attended the ceremony with a camera in his tiny hand and savored the opportunity to pose with American boxing legends Willie Pep and Billy Conn. Yuh's excitement heightened when he was seated at the same table as welterweight champion Meldrick Taylor.

Yuh was in good company at the WBA awards dinner, where he met welterweight champion Meldrick Taylor. The Korean would like a match with another American Olympian, Michael Carbajal.

The remainder of Yuh's itinerary would include a trip to the Grand Canyon and a stop in Las Vegas. But the United States already had left a huge impression.

"It's a big country," Yuh said. "Everything very big. Many people."

When asked what a unification fight with Carbajal would mean to him, Yuh deciphered the question through a translator and then paused for a moment.

"Big money," he said, introducing a subject that needed no translation. "Yeah . . . big."

Big enough, perhaps, to make Myung Woo Yuh heard around the world. ■

RING CLASSIC

A GAL WITH $64,000 ANSWERS

From The Ring, February 1956

By Murray Goodman

One of the biggest boxing stories of 1955 with a non-competitive origin was the spectacular success of Dr. Joyce Brothers, psychology specialist, in *The $64,000 Question* television program.

On Tuesday, December 6, Dr. Brothers answered the questions that were posed to her by Hal March, and carried off a sum of money that some folks cannot save in a lifetime of hard work.

The final queries were difficult. But, with limited help from Col. Edward Eagan, the former chairman of the New York Commission, the Blonde Lady sailed right through for the rich prize.

Dr. Brothers' triumph was of tremendous importance to boxing because a woman—a woman with a cultural background, who had been an instructor at Hunter College in New York—had fought her way through the numerous stages of a quiz of nationwide interest, with boxing as her category.

The success of the psychology specialist attracted the attention of women all over the United States—yes, women all over the world, because she had been getting international publicity.

Dr. Brothers' victory stressed the fact that boxing was not beneath the interest of an educated woman, and brought home to the world that boxing long ago had quit the barroom and the dock.

To *The Ring* goes great credit for Dr. Brothers' success. Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of "The Bible Of Boxing," gave the doctor considerable coaching. Most important was the information she got from *The Ring Record Book*. Dr. Brothers did a considerable amount of her studying at the offices of *The Ring*.

Dr. Joyce Brothers won $64,000 dollars on a quiz show because of her extraordinary knowledge of boxing. In the final round, Brothers was seven-for-seven perfect.

Behind the $64,000 triumph of the Blonde Lady was an intense interest in boxing. Behind that, a tremendous ability to study. And behind that, a photographic mind. Dr. Brothers could recite, word for word, entire pages that she had mulled over in her many hours of study.

The questions that Dr. Brothers answered in the final stage of the quiz:

1—What were the gloves of the Roman gladiators in

the Colosseum called? She replied correctly: Cestus.

2—Who was the first scientific boxer, heavyweight champion of England in 1791? Daniel Mendoza was the answer.

3—What was the name of the heavyweight champion of England who taught a famous poet the art of boxing? The answers: Gentleman John Jackson (the fighter); Lord Byron (the poet).

4—Who wrote the famous essay "The Fight" after having seen Bill Neat defeat Tom Hickman for the English heavyweight title in 1821, and what was Hickman's nickname? Dr. Brothers replied: William Hazlitt was the essayist, and Hickman was called "The Gasman."

5—What was the full name of the Marquis of Queensberry, who set up the Queensberry Rules? Answer: John Sholto Douglas.

6—In 1933, Primo Carnera defended the world heavyweight title abroad. Who was his opponent, and where did they meet? Answers: Paulino Uzcudun in Rome.

7—How many times did Jack Dempsey floor Luis Firpo in their famous fight in New York? How long did the fight last, within 30 seconds? Her reply: Nine times, and 3:57.

That Col. Eagan helped Dr. Brothers is certain. That she needed very much assistance is doubtful.

Dr. Brothers is the wife of Dr. Milton Brothers, a New York physician. They have a two-year-old daughter. Some of the winnings have gone into a fund for the education of that daughter.

Dr. Brothers was tutored by Nat Fleischer, publisher of *The Ring*. Hard work and a photographic memory were the keys to victory.

Dr. Brothers' interest in boxing is sincere, deeply rooted. How did she ever become so intensely interested in a sport so far from the concerns of the average woman? Doubtless Dr. Brothers, as a psychologist, has the answer to that one, too.

While Dr. Brothers was working for the successive stages of the $64,000 quiz, Fleischer questioned her on the

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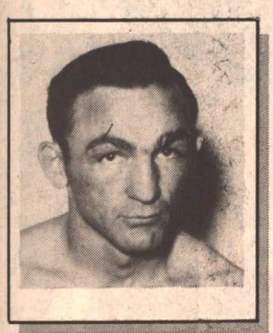

Carmen Basilio

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9. **George Barnes**, Australia
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LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Bud Smith**, Cincinnati, OH

1. **James Carter**, New York, NY
2. **Duilio Loi**, Italy
3. **Frankie Ryff**, New York, NY
4. **Ralph Dupas**, New Orleans, LA
5. **Cisco Andrade**, Compton, CA
6. **Johnny Gonsalves**, Oakland, CA
7. **Ludwig Lightburn**, British Honduras
8. **Kenny Lane**, Muskegon, MI
9. **Orlando Zulueta**, Cuba
10. **Joe Lopes**, Sacramento, CA

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Sandy Saddler**, New York, NY

1. **Fred Galiana**, Spain
2. **Ciro Morasen**, Cuba
3. **Carmelo Costa**, Brooklyn, NY
4. **Ray Famechon**, France
5. **Percy Bassett**, Philadelphia, PA
6. **Teddy Davis**, Hartford, CT
7. **Hogan (Kid) Bassey**, Nigeria
8. **Flash Elorde**, Philippines
9. **Lauro Salas**, Mexico
10. **Billy Kelly**, Ireland

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Robert Cohen**, France

1. **Mario D'Agata**, Italy
2. **Billy Peacock**, Los Angeles, CA
3. **Hilaire Pratesi**, France
4. **Raul (Raton) Macias**, Mexico
5. **Andre Valignat**, France
6. **Jose Lopez**, Mexico
7. **Little Cezar**, Philippines
8. **Bobby Sinn**, Australia
9. **Emil Chemama**, France
10. **Chamrern Songkitrat**, Thailand

FLYWEIGHTS

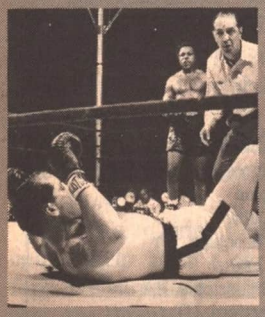
World Champ: **Pascual Perez**, Argentina

1. **Leo Espinosa**, Philippines
2. **Young Martin**, Spain
3. **Danny Kid**, Philippines
4. **Dai Dower**, Wales
5. **Yoshio Shirai**, Japan
6. **Tanny Campo**, Philippines
7. **Jake Tuli**, South Africa
8. **Nazzareno Gianelli**, Italy
9. **Oscar Suarez**, Cuba
10. **Memo Diez**, Mexico

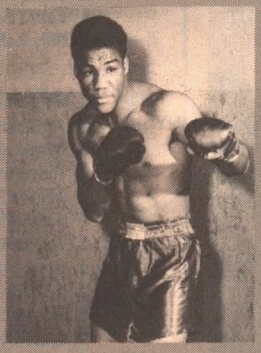
THE RING, February 1956

The Cover: In the annual year in review issue, heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano is selected as Fighter of the Year. It is the third time he has captured the honor in the last four years. Sugar Ray Robinson's victory over Bobo Olson is Upset of the Year, and Carmen Basilio's kayo of Tony DeMarco is Fight of the Year.

Boxing On The Tube: In its annual poll, *The Ring* lists the most popular TV fighters. The top five: Carmen Basilio, Floyd Patterson, Archie Moore, Isaac Logart, and Frankie Ryff. In 1955, Ralph "Tiger" Jones (pictured) had the most TV fights (eight). Milo Savage was the runner-up (seven).



Round Of The Year: The winner is the third round of the light heavyweight title fight between champion Archie Moore and challenger Bobo Olson, the reigning middleweight king. Olson boxed effectively in the first and second rounds, but was suddenly kayoed by a left hook in the third. He crashed hard, and referee Ruby Goldstein didn't need to count.



A Bright Future: Research Editor Lew Eskin examines the prospects likely to rise in 1956. Among the candidates: unbeaten California heavyweight Eddie Machen, former lightweight amateur champion Carlos Ortiz, two-fisted middleweight slugger Rory Calhoun (pictured), and powerpunching lightweight L.C. Morgan.

A Dud Of A Fight: It was billed as a battle to nominate the next challenger for Rocky Marciano's heavyweight crown, but the Bob Baker-Nino Valdes fight, won by Baker (pictured) via decision, turned out to be a stinker. As it would turn out, Marciano would retire, and neither Baker nor Valdes would fight for the title.

leading matters that he expected her to be quizzed on by March. Fleischer hit the nail on the head quite often.

One query that Fleischer was sure they would throw at her never was posed. He felt that Dr. Brothers would be asked to name the lefthanders who have held world titles. He coached her on the answers. However, the doctor never was asked that one.

"Dr. Brothers has done a tremendous service for boxing, and considering the size of the prize, for herself and her family, as well," Fleischer said as he hailed the Blonde Lady's remarkable success.

Dr. Brothers celebrates with (from left) Gus Lesnevich, Bob Olin, Mickey Walker, and former commissioner Col. Eddie Eagan.

"Her ability to retain answers, her astonishing memory, her capacity for study, amazed me," Fleischer continued.

"Once coached on a question, she never forgot the answer. Once she had read a page of a book, she could recite the contents almost verbatim.

"Only seldom do we have a woman with such skills, and it is conceivable that she would have won no matter in which category she had operated.

"I saw Dr. Brothers at the Robinson-Olson affair in Chicago, and it did my heart good to see so many women spectators ask for her autograph. She richly deserved her success, and the eulogies which came to her with it.

"I don't remember when boxing got so big a lift from something that had not happened in a ring."

It is to be hoped that Dr. Brothers will not be pressed too hard for boxing publicity purposes. The effort in some quarters to set her up as a fight prophet should not be pursued too far. She knows a lot about boxing. But she is not an expert on punches and techniques.

Her husband long has been a fight-goer, and doubtless it was his interest that prompted Joyce to become concerned about boxing, and, eventually, to make that startling choice of category in the quiz.

When she told the operators of the Revlon quiz that she wanted to answer questions on boxing, their first reaction was disbelief, their second, great excitement.

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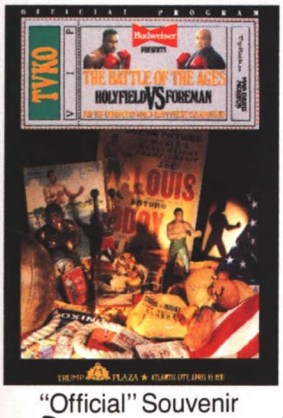

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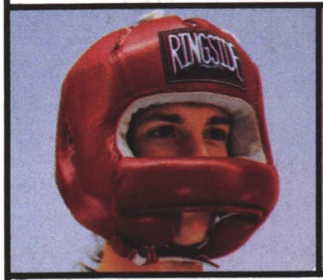

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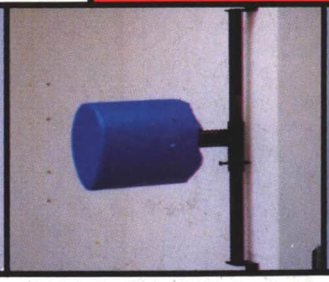

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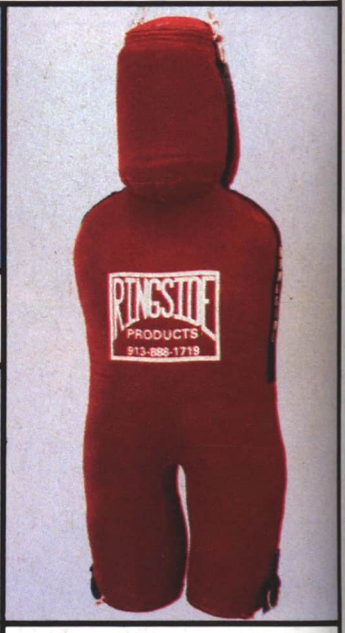

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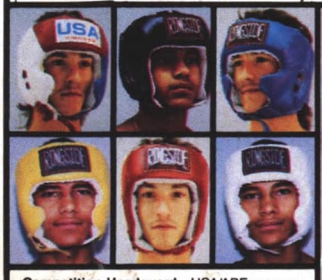

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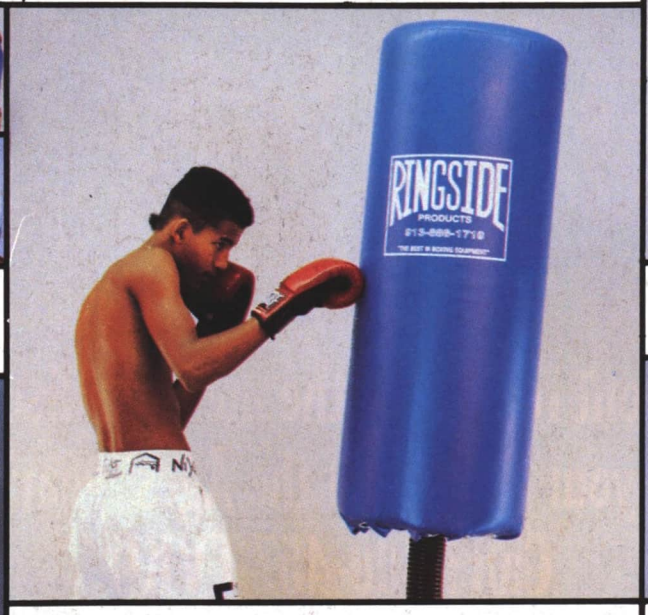

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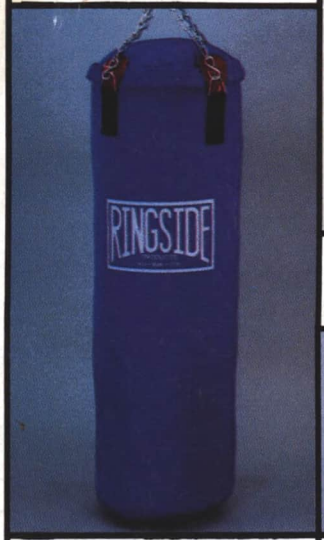

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